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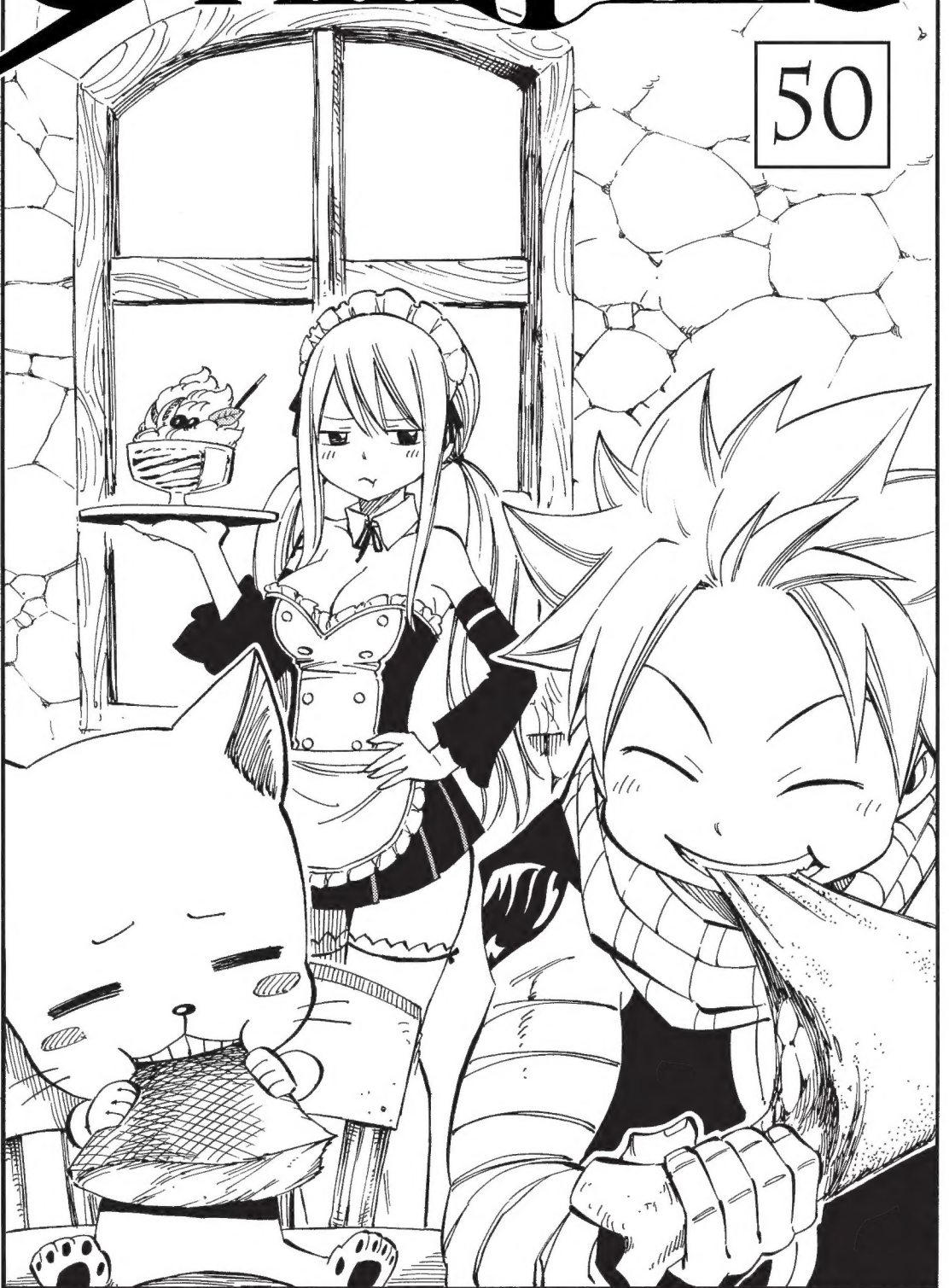
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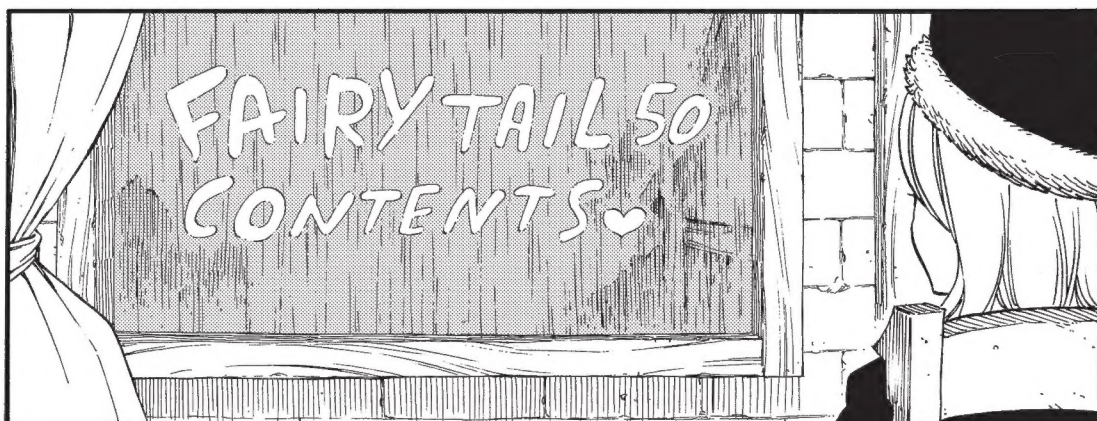
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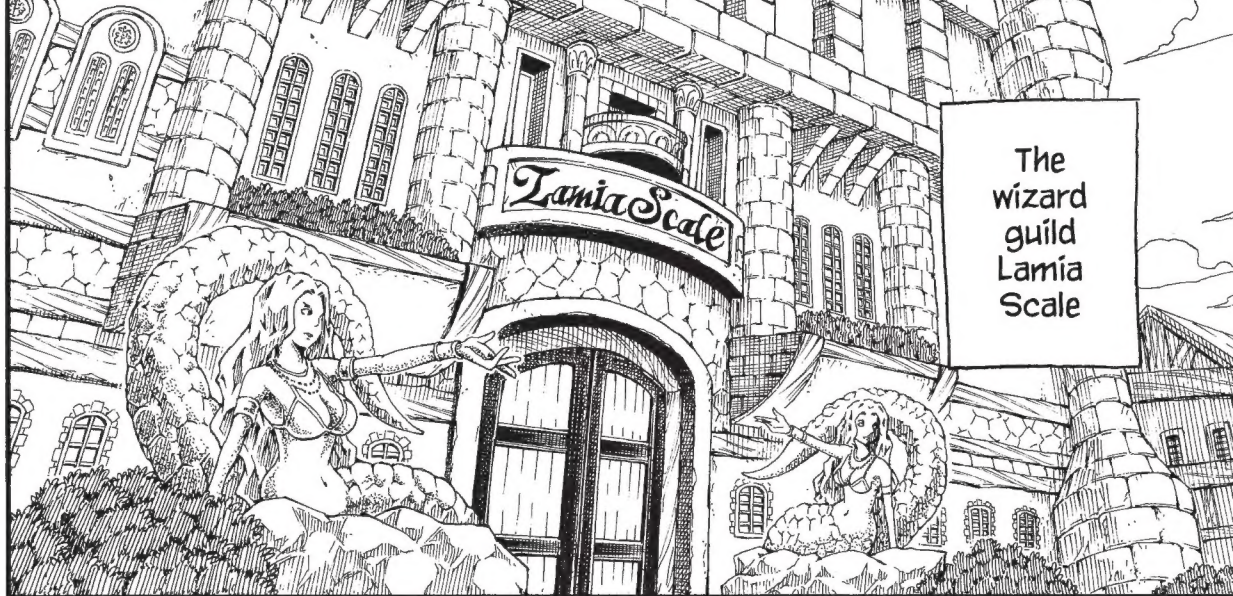
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Chapter 421: Wendy and Sherria





The wizard guild Lamia Scale



You were sooo cute!

Everyone LOVED you, Wendy!

PSHHH
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I am never doing anything that embarrassing again!



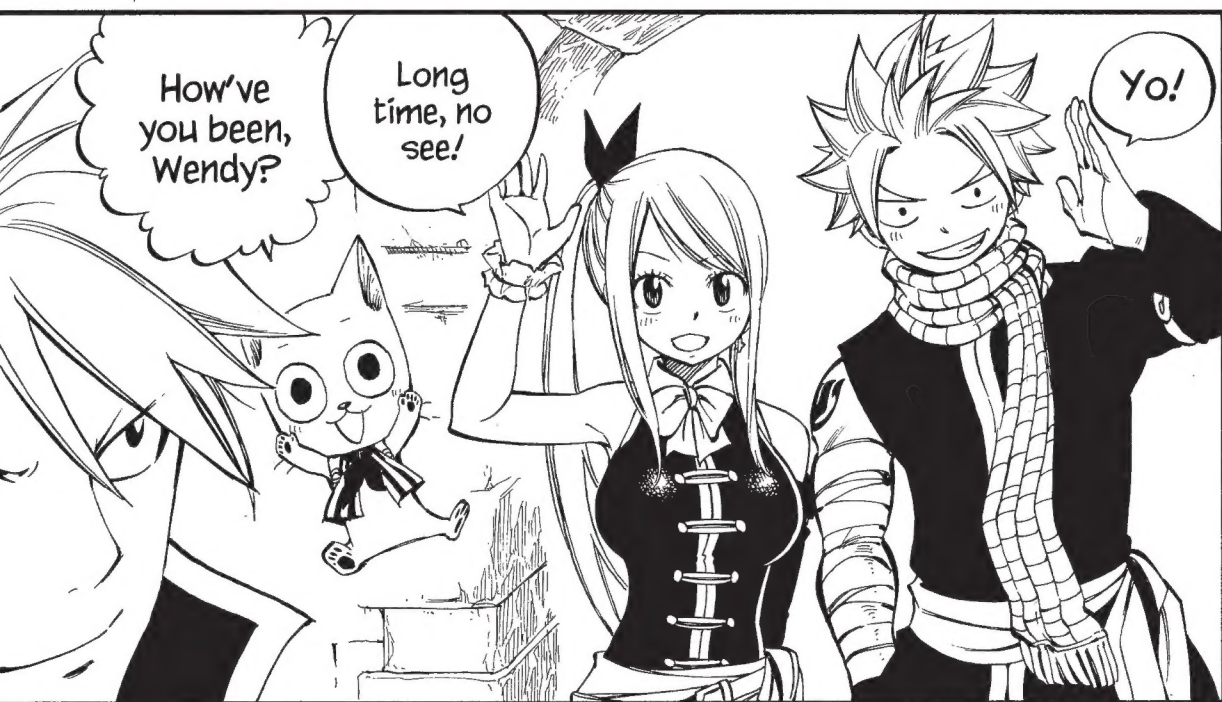
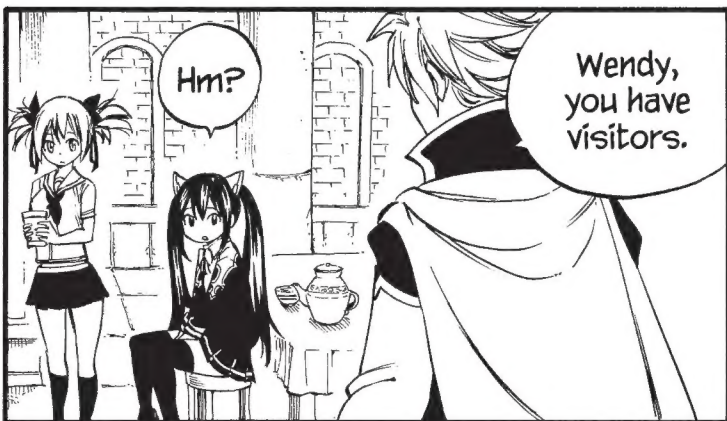
Don't get mad!

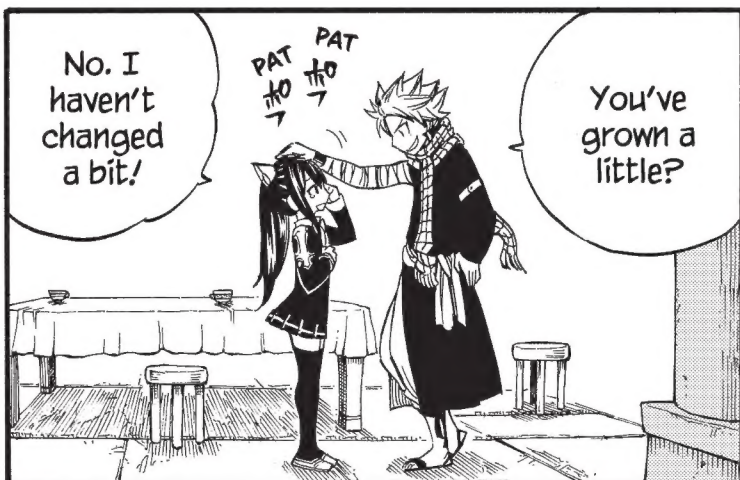
But what the heck is "Slayer Love"?!

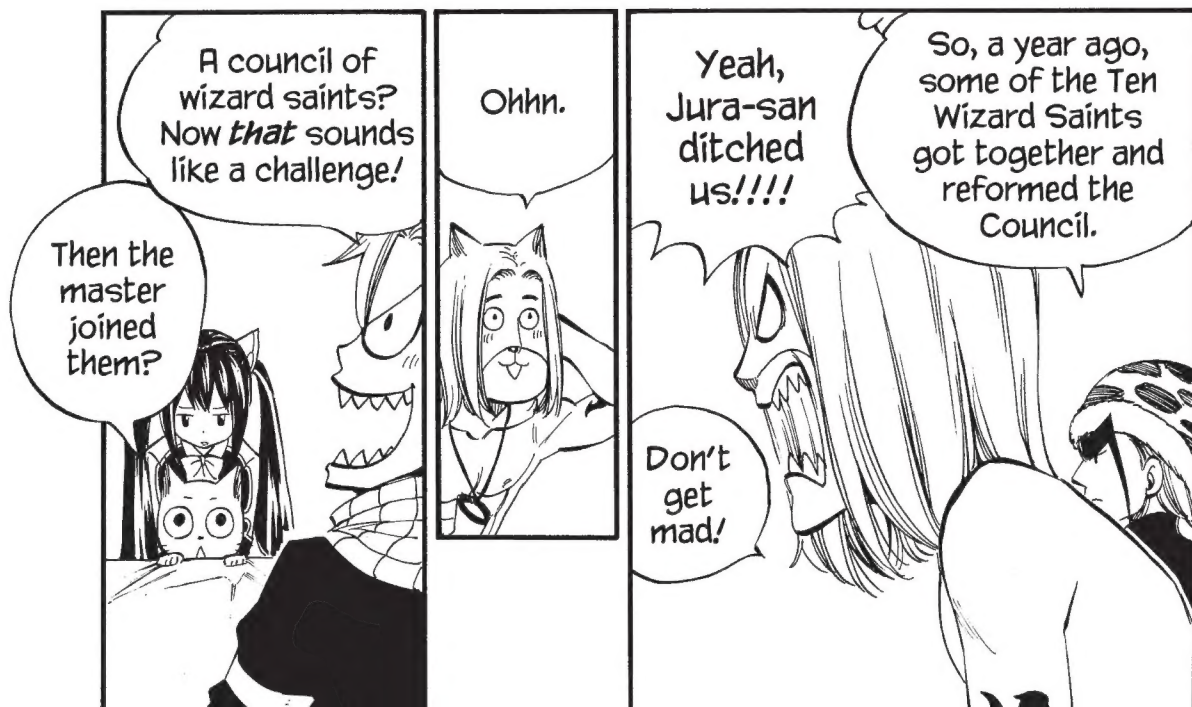
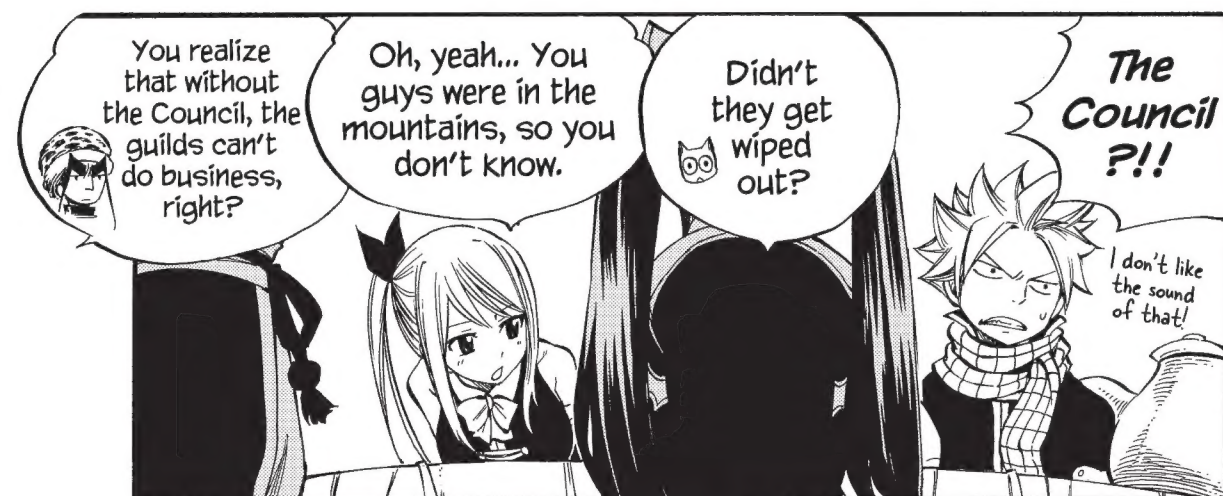


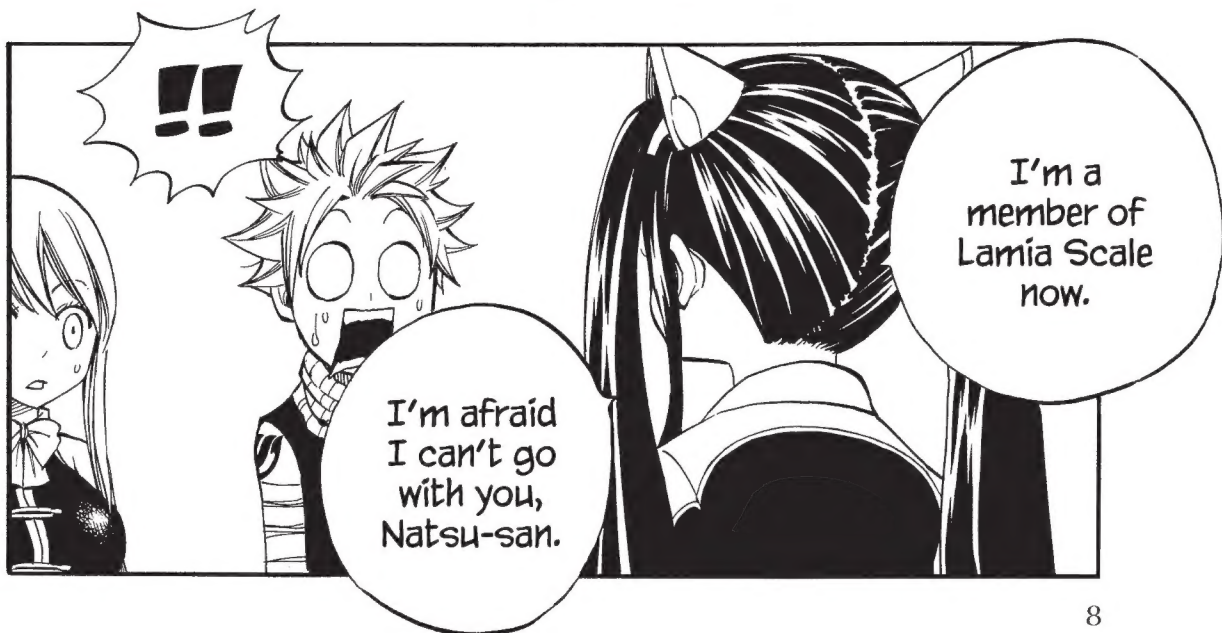
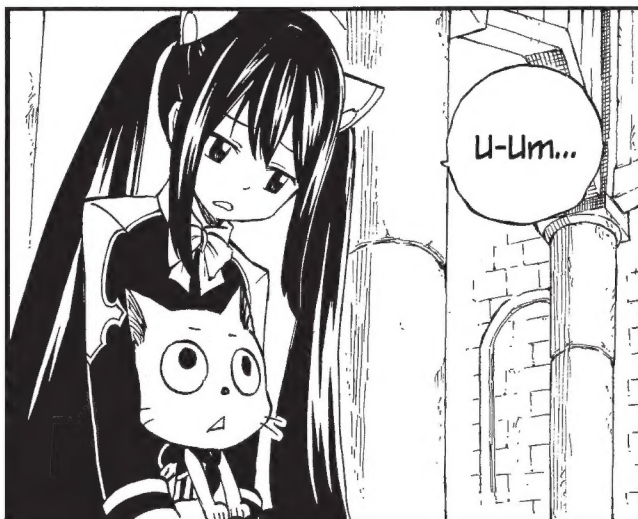
Forever!

Slayer Love!
Slayer Love!
Forever!

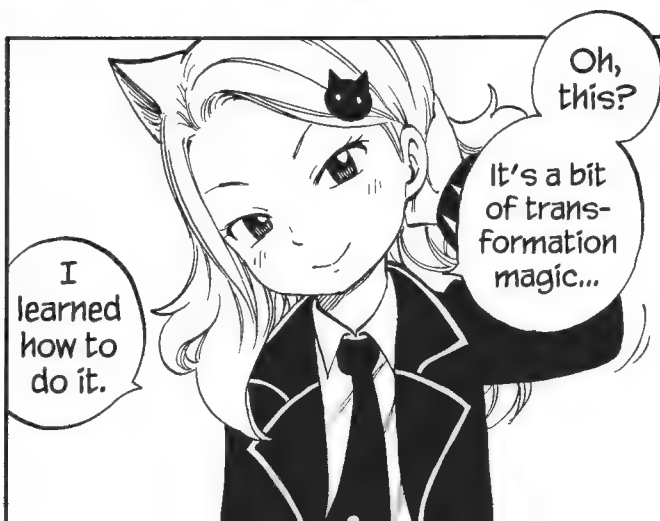
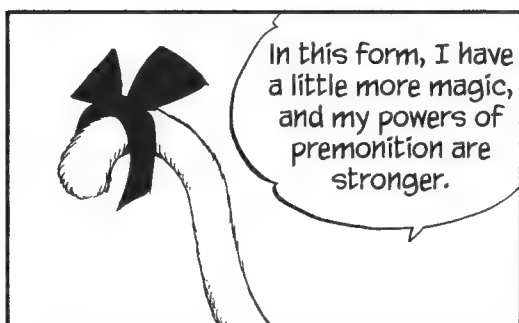


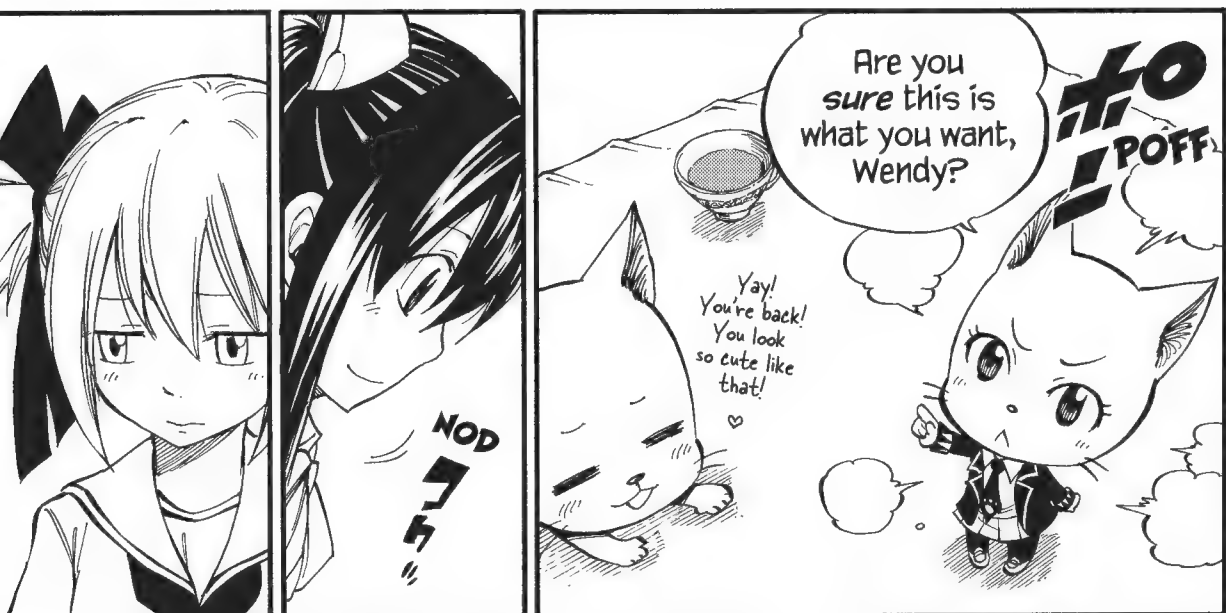


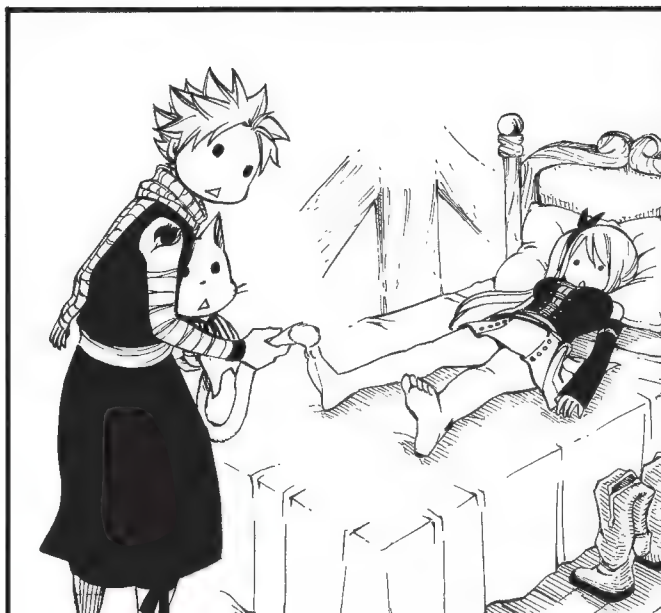
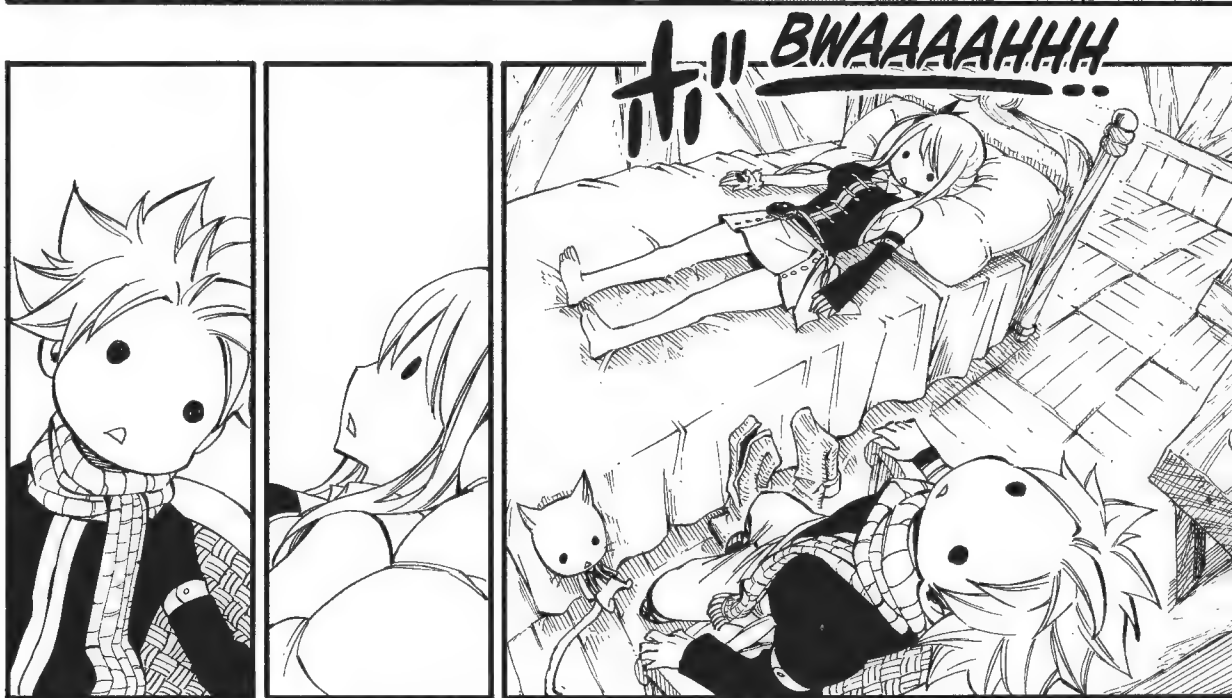


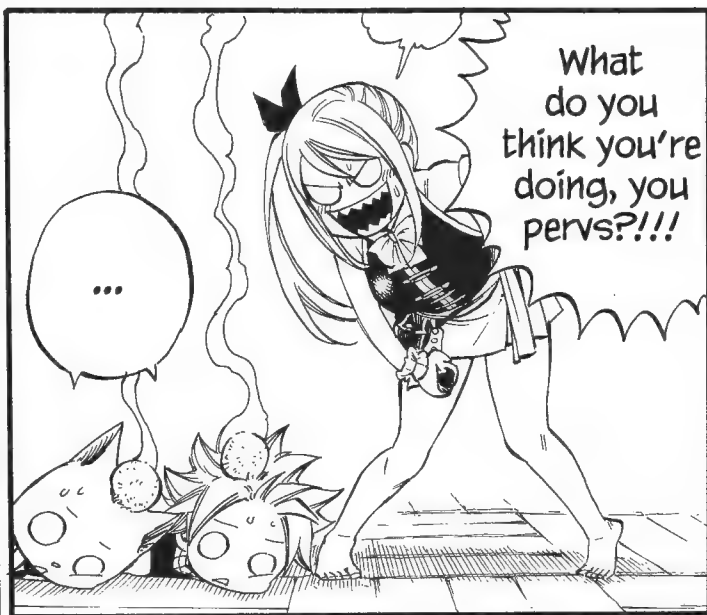






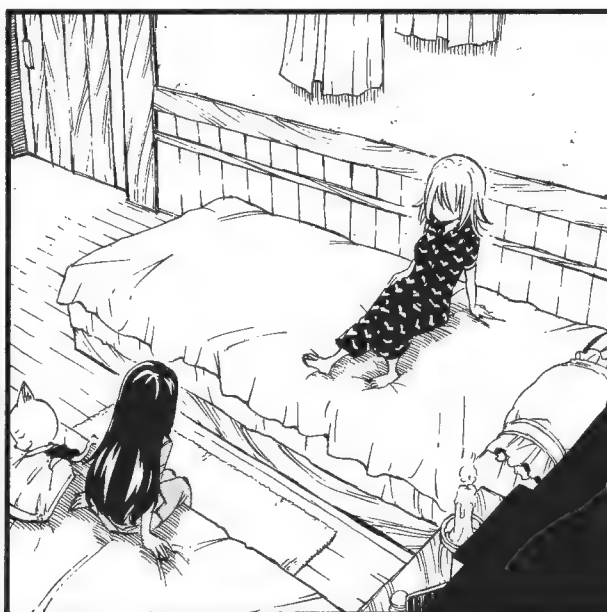


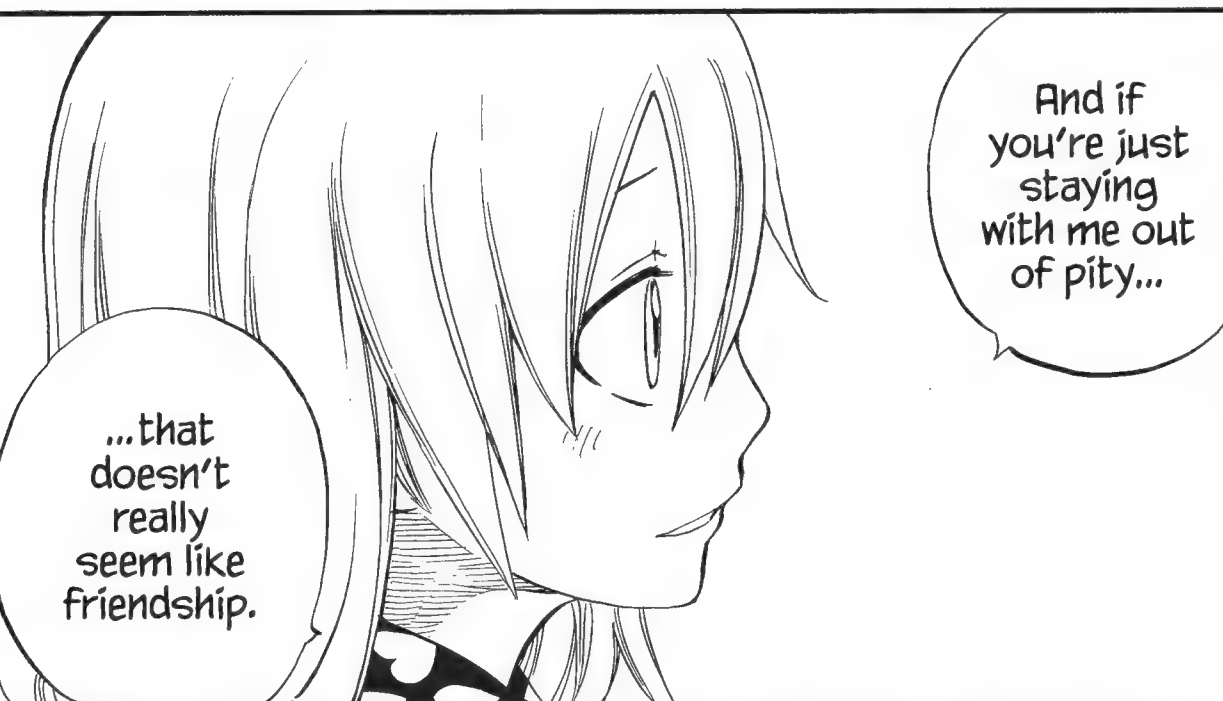
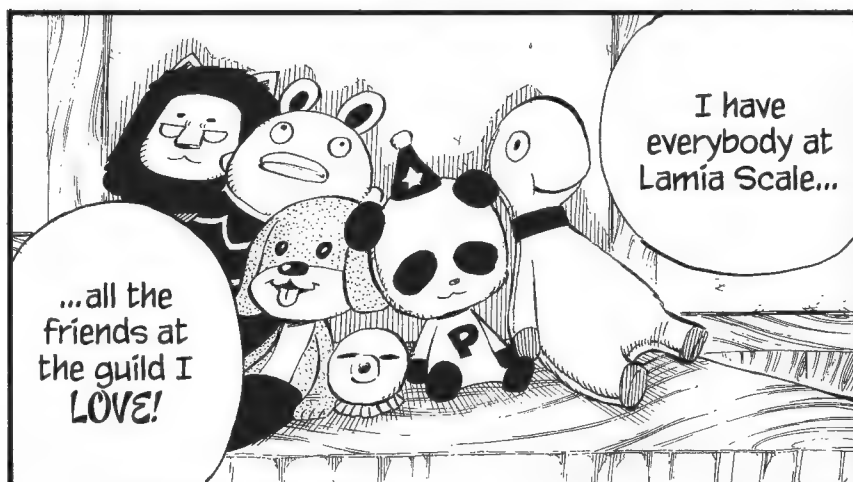






Wendy and
Sherria's
home







It came from over there! The guild!!



What was that noise?!



This way!!

Ohhnn !!

Get the town evacuated, now!!!



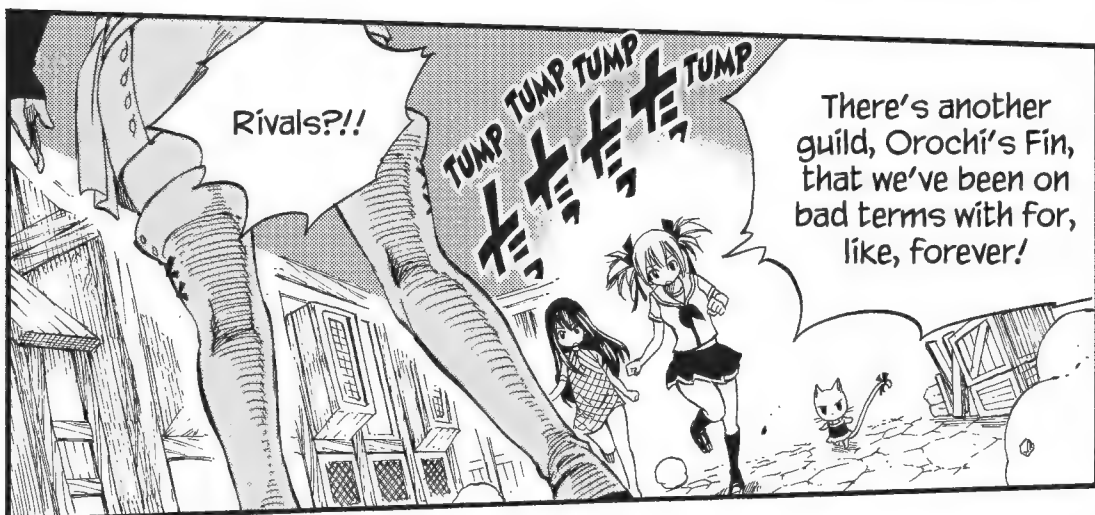


Why?!

A herd of
monsters
?!



You see that
monster? A herd
of them suddenly
attacked the
town!!



Rivals?!!

TUMP TUMP TUMP
TUMP

There's another
guild, Orochi's Fin,
that we've been on
bad terms with for,
like, forever!



Those
creeps...



And they
knew our guard
would be down
because of the
Thanksgiving Day
festival...



They've probably
been looking for
an opportunity
ever since Jura-
san left...



But Orochi
has really
sunk to new
depths if
they're using
monsters to
attack!!



A hundred thousand
...?!



Like, a
hundred thousand
of 'em!!!

Lyon!! This
is just the
vanguard
!!!

There's a
gigantic
horde of
them coming
in from the
west!!!

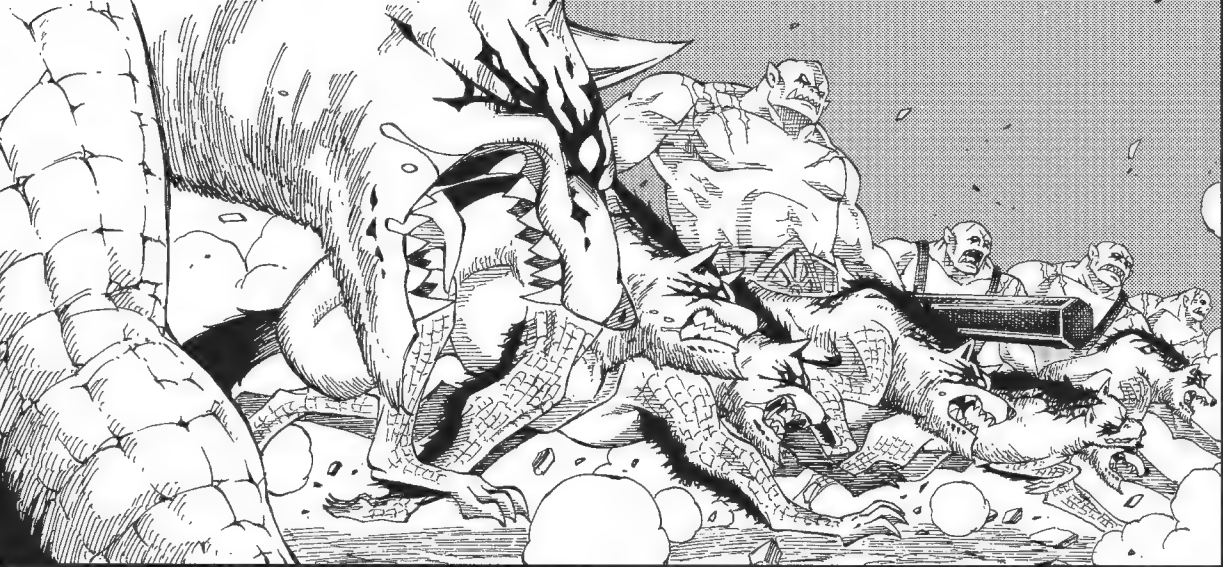


RUMMMMMBBBLE
クククククク



I never
thought
Orochi
would ever
go this
far!!!!

They
could
destroy
the entire
town!!!



We can't get close enough with all the monsters blocking the way.



So if we take *him* out...

It seems there's a "beast master" in Orochi.



Yeah!

You'll lend us a hand?



Let's go, Happy!!

I'm all fired up!!!

Aye, sir!!



Yes !!!



What about from the sky?

I can fly us!

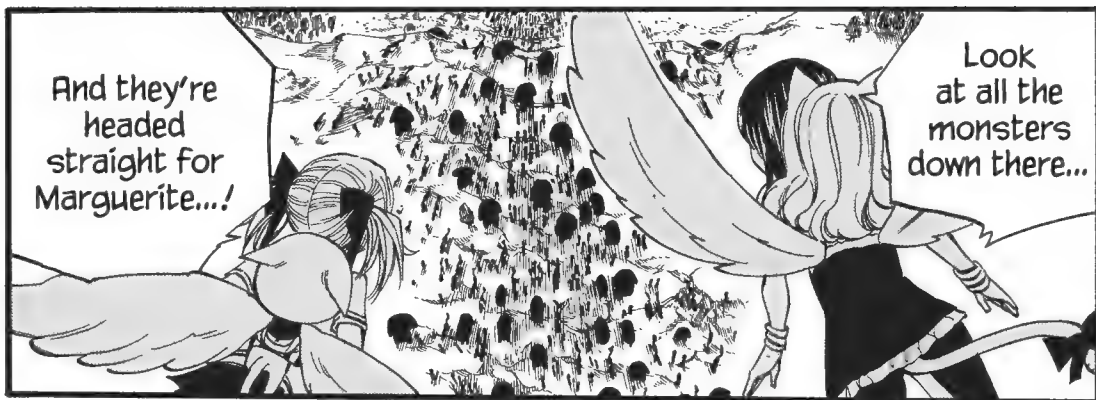


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Chapter 422: Orochi's Fin





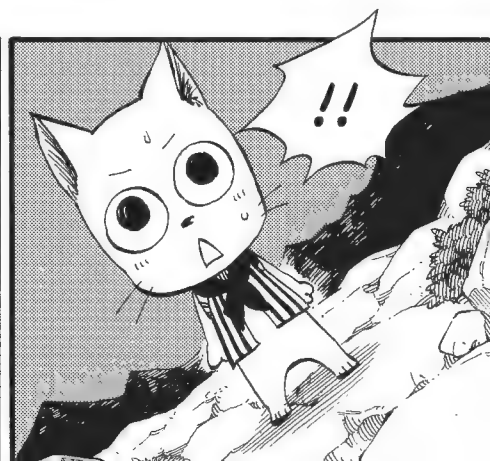
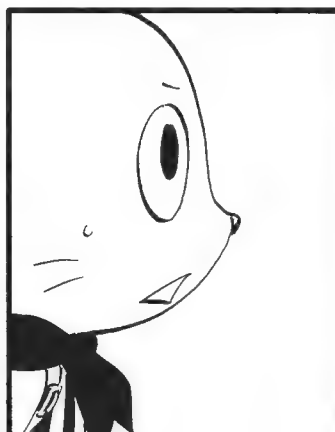
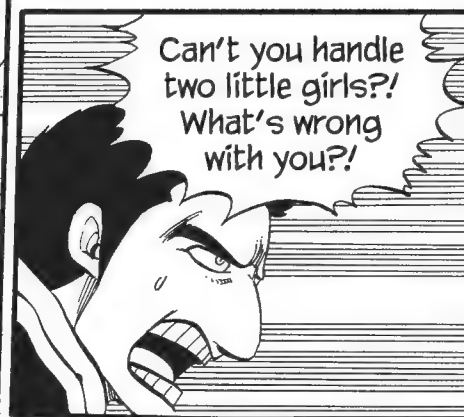


BOOOOM

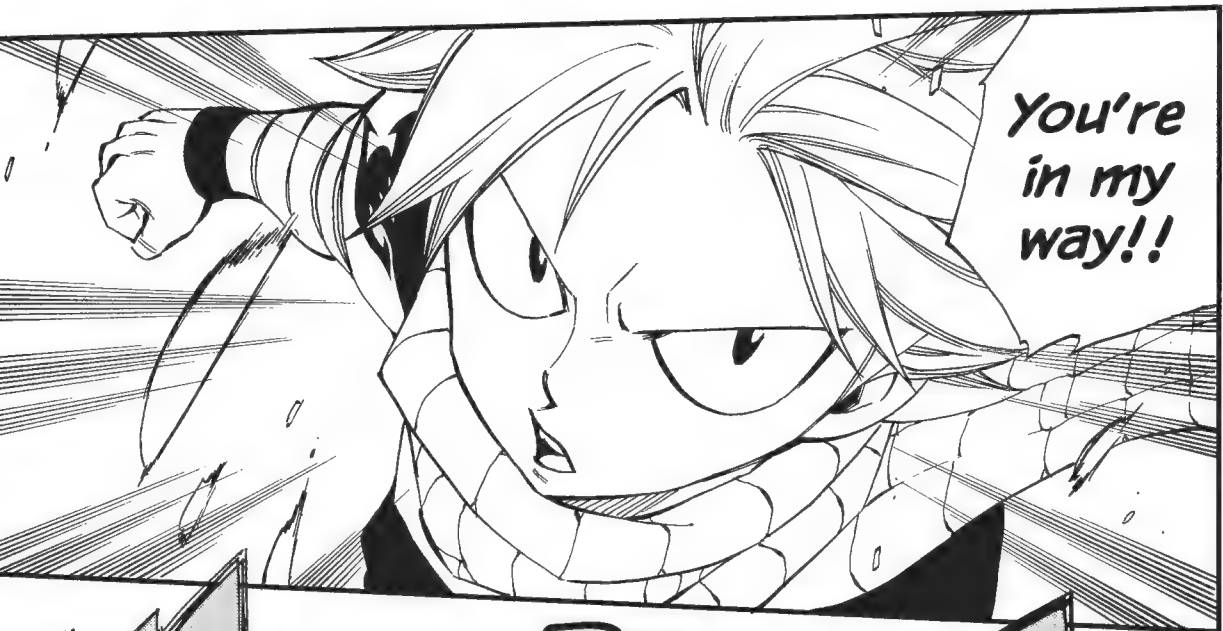
*The Sky
Sisters
!!!!*







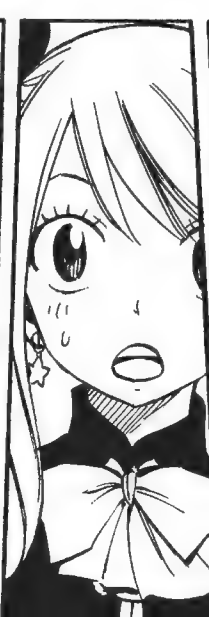


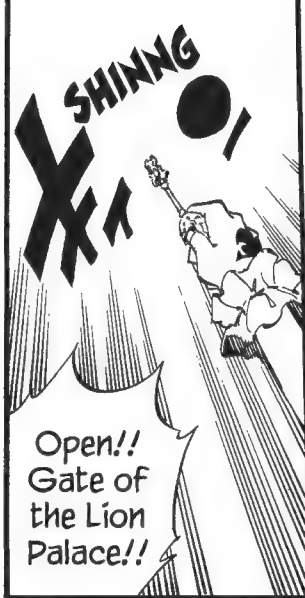


*You're
in my
way!!*



BAM!





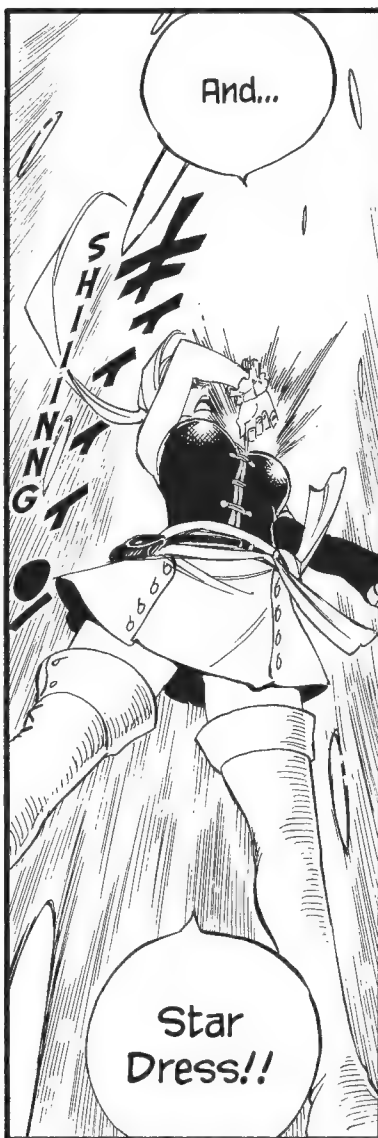
Open!!
Gate of
the Lion
Palace!!



Let's
do this
!!



Focus,
guys!! Here
they come!!



And...

Star
Dress!!



Loke
!!!

Lucy's
knight has
arrived!!

DWOOM



Is that
Erza's
magic
?!?

Whoa
?!?



It's not
quite the same
as Erza's magic.
It lets me bor-
row a bit of my
celestial spirits'
powers.

You're
so hot,
Lucy!!

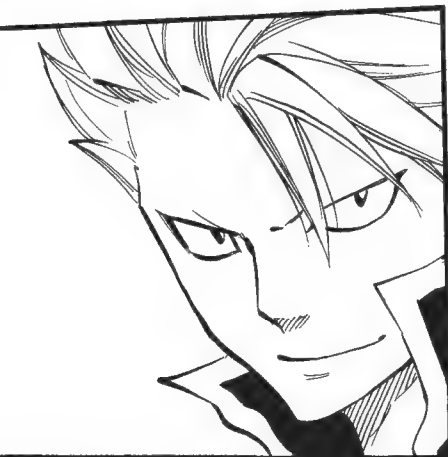
Really
hot!!

Oh,
shut
up.



Leo-
Form!!!!

W
W
W
SHEEEN



In a
dress?

That's
my
woman
!!

This means
I can enter
the fight
myself!!

CLENCH



HYAH !!

DWOOOM

SKRATCH

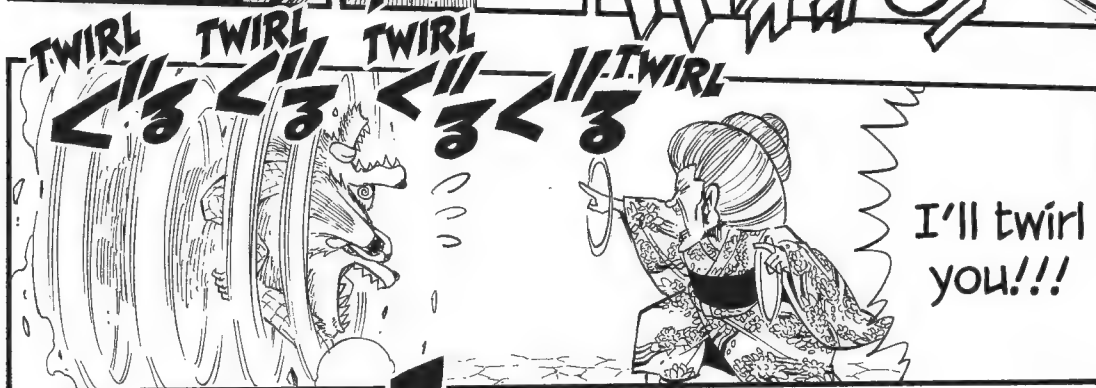
SKRATCH

Ohhhh !!!



I'm glad we can depend on you!!

PACHINK



TWIRL TWIRL TWIRL
TWIRL TWIRL TWIRL

I'll twirl you!!!

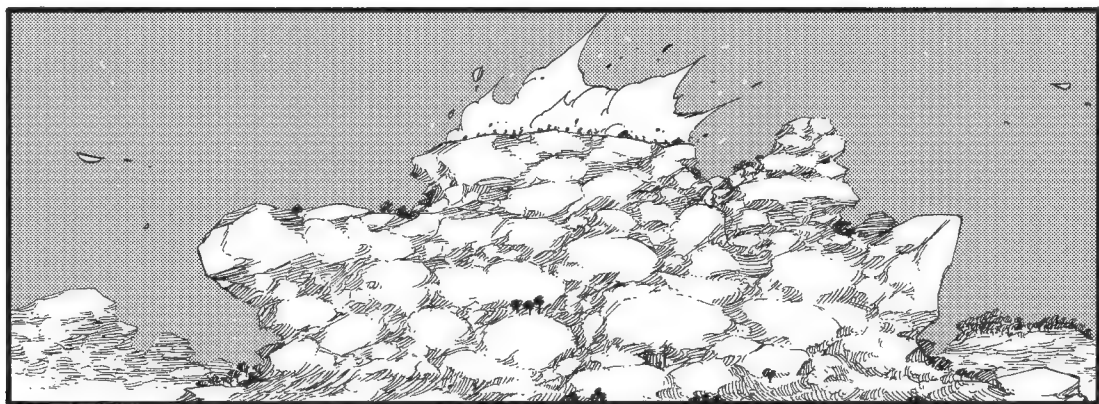
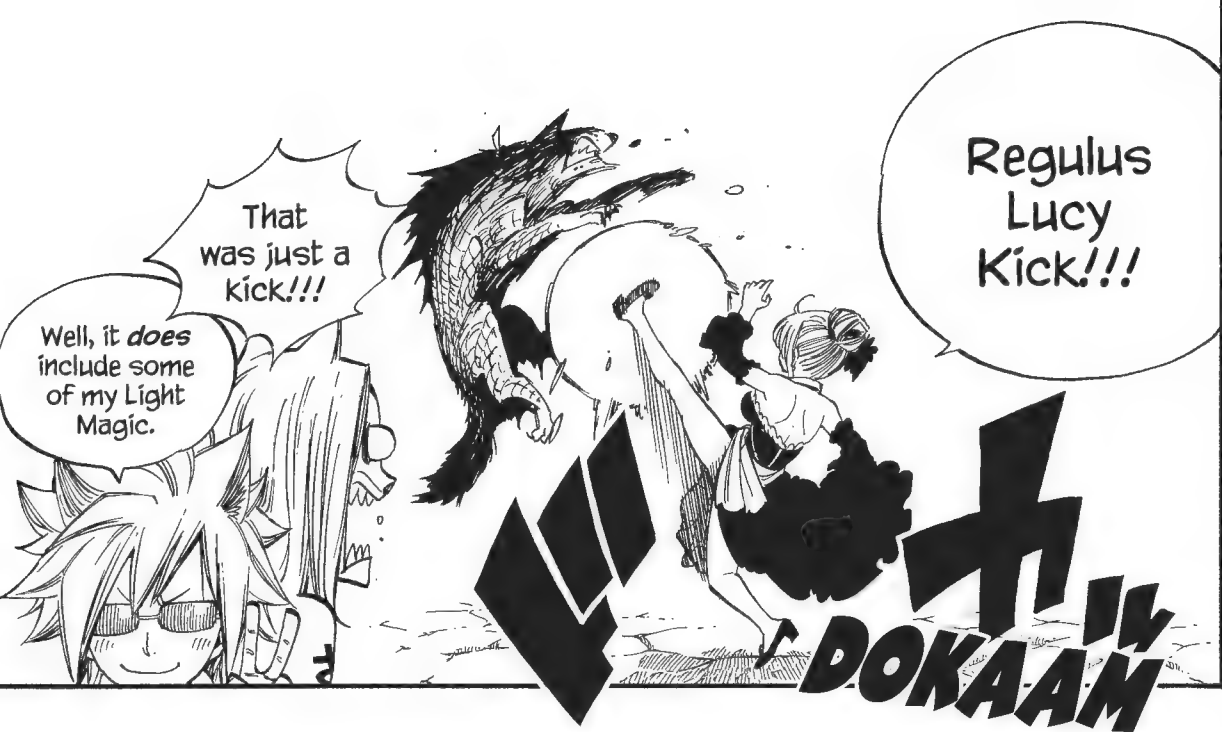


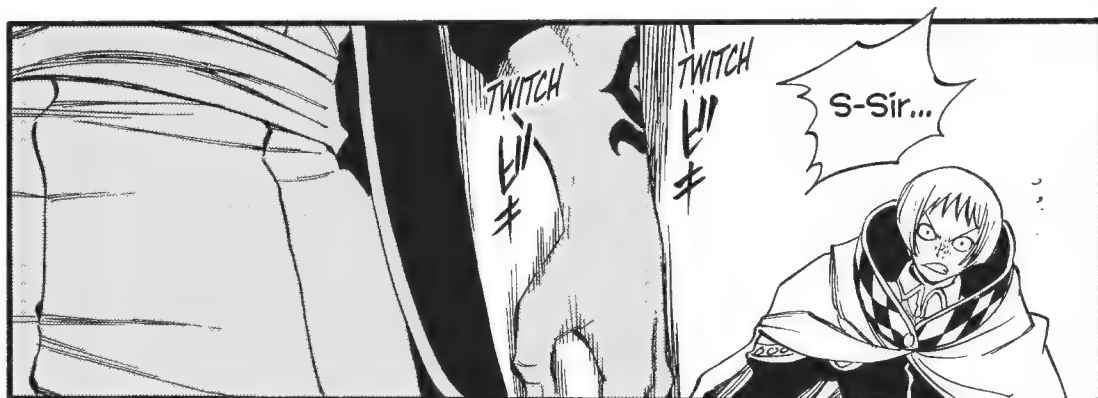
HAAAAH...

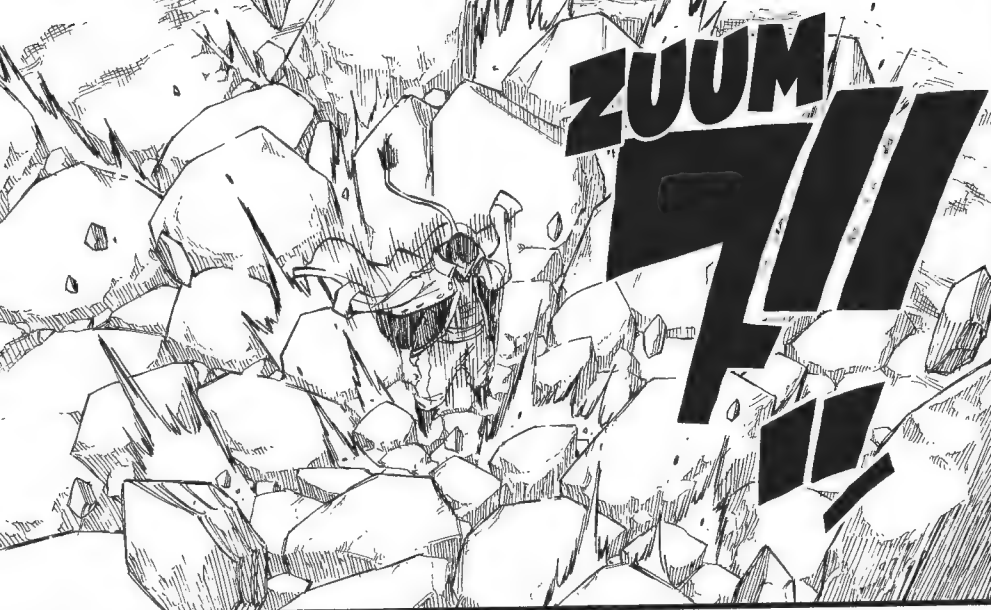


REGULUS
IMPACT
!!!!

KAAM









The
ground
is...



AAAAA
あああああ



What is
this?!



Rack
!!

WAAH!







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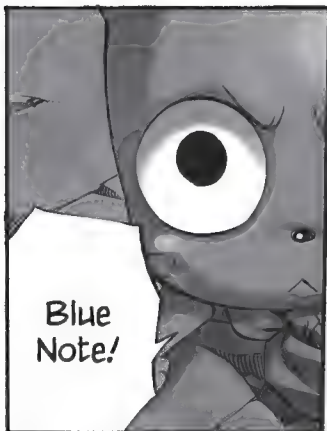


Chapter 423: Do It All for Love



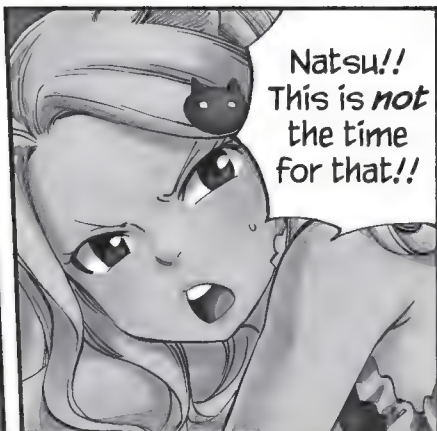
I'm
sorry...

You pulled
a fast one,
stealing
Happy like
that!



Blue
Note!

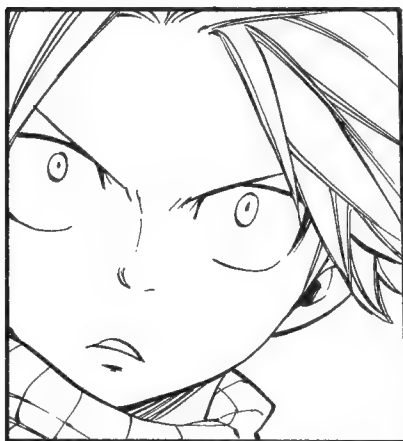
That man is
here!! The one who
overwhelmed us on
Sirius Island...



Natsu!!
This is *not*
the time
for that!!

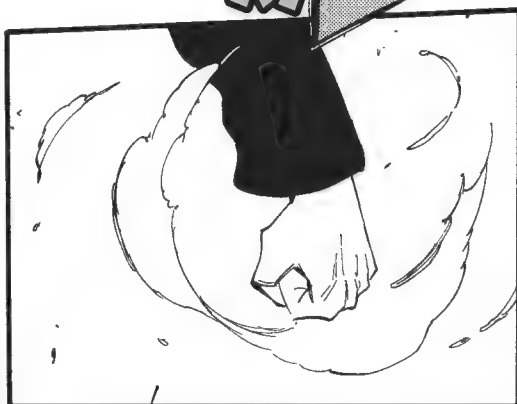
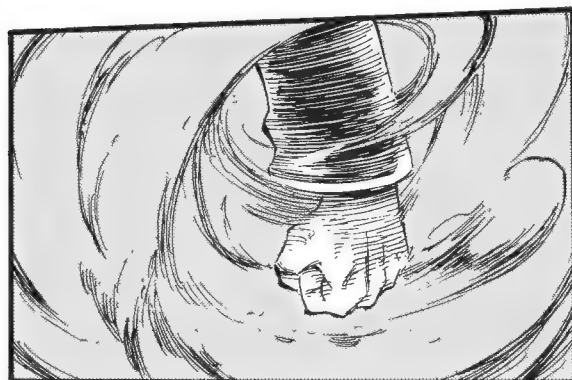


Huh?





I'll
crush
you
!!!!





*Nobody's
gettin'
crushed
!!!!*

BOOOON



Fairy
Tail will
never be
crushed
!!!!

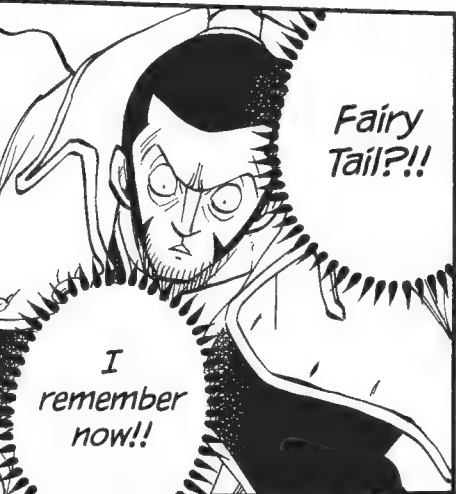


*That's
impos-
sible!!*



He's
using
fire...

...to lift
up the
ground
!!!!

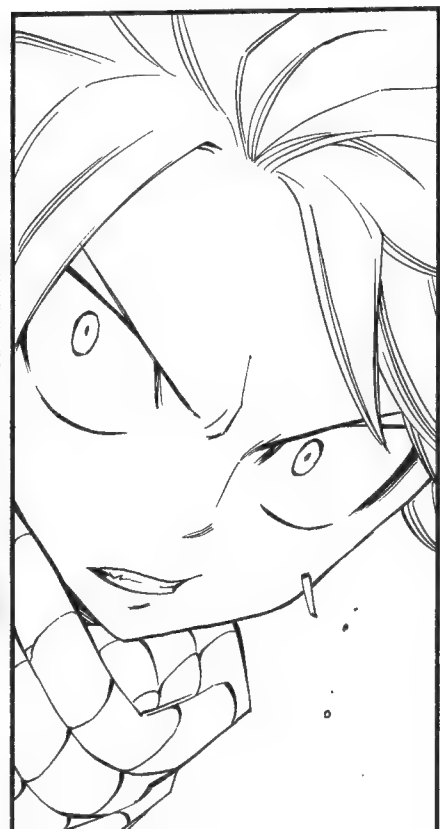


Fairy
Tail?!!

I
remember
now!!



It was
Fairy
Tail!!!!





**So don't
even try
to crush
us!!!!**



This
one...

...can...



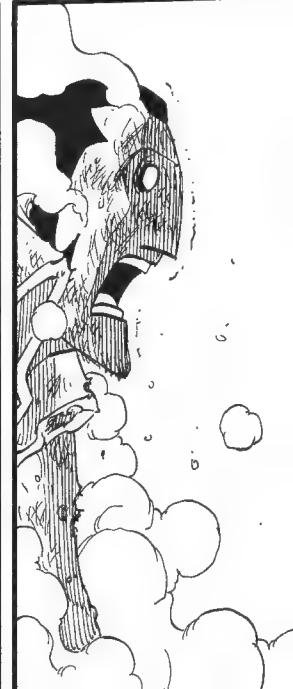
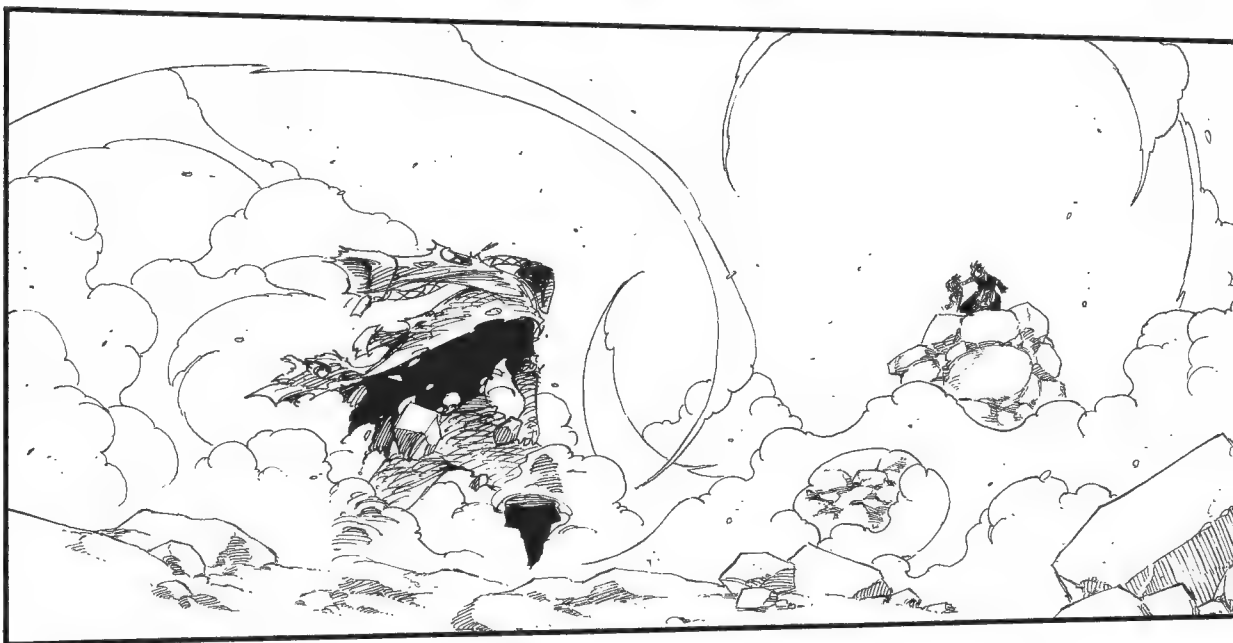
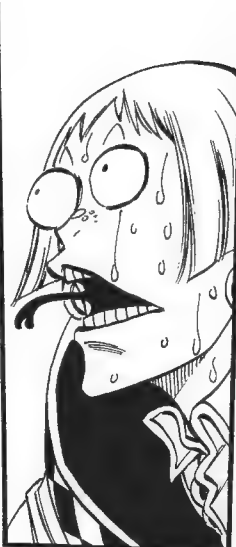
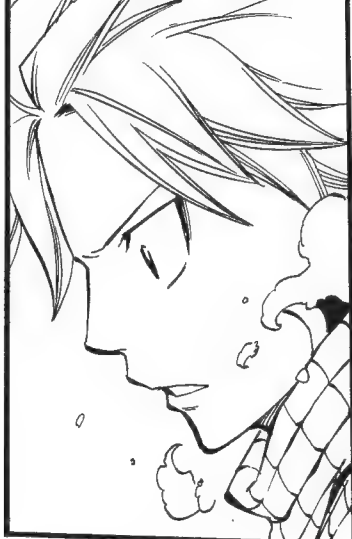
...fly...

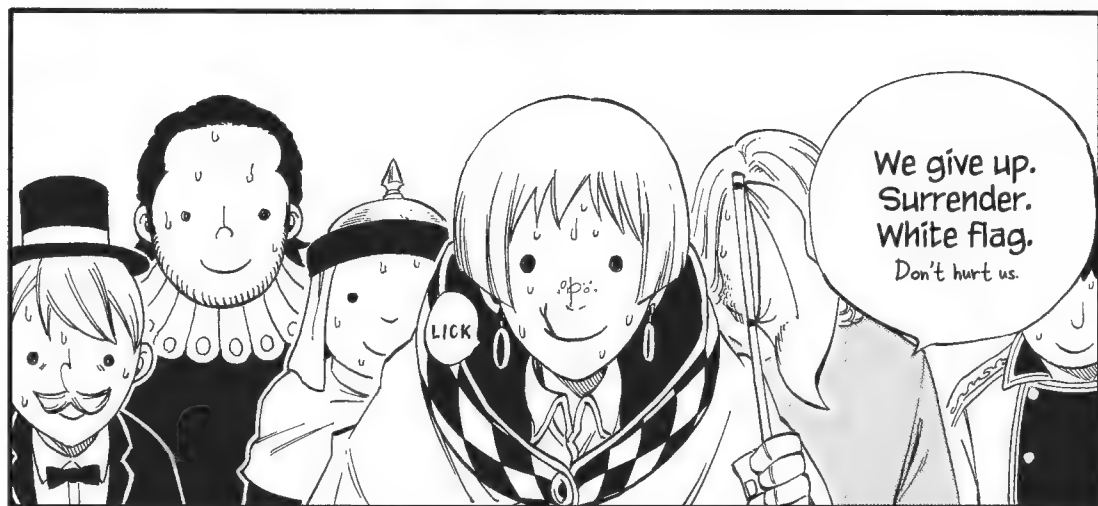
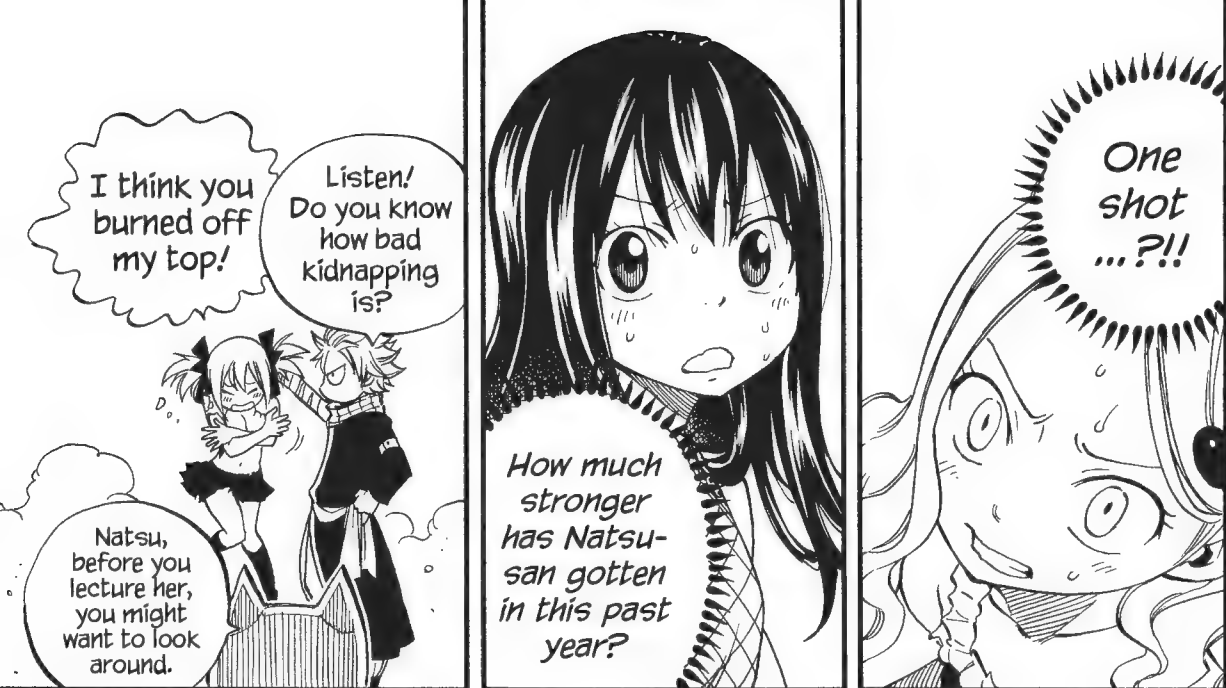
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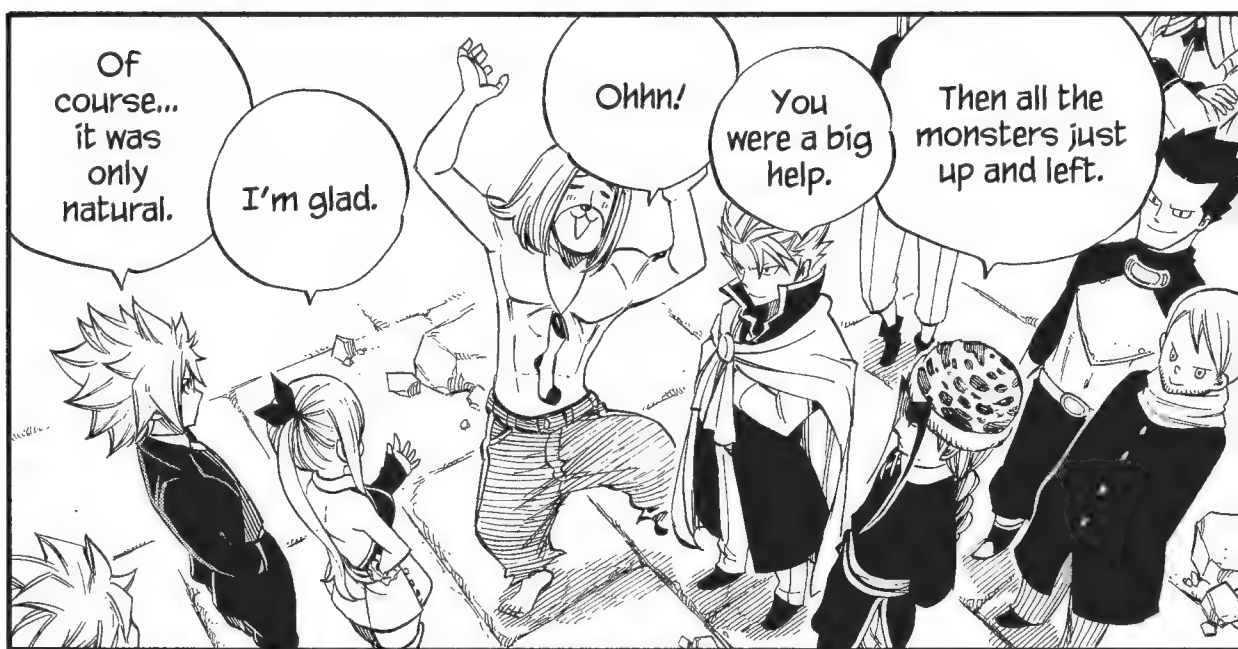
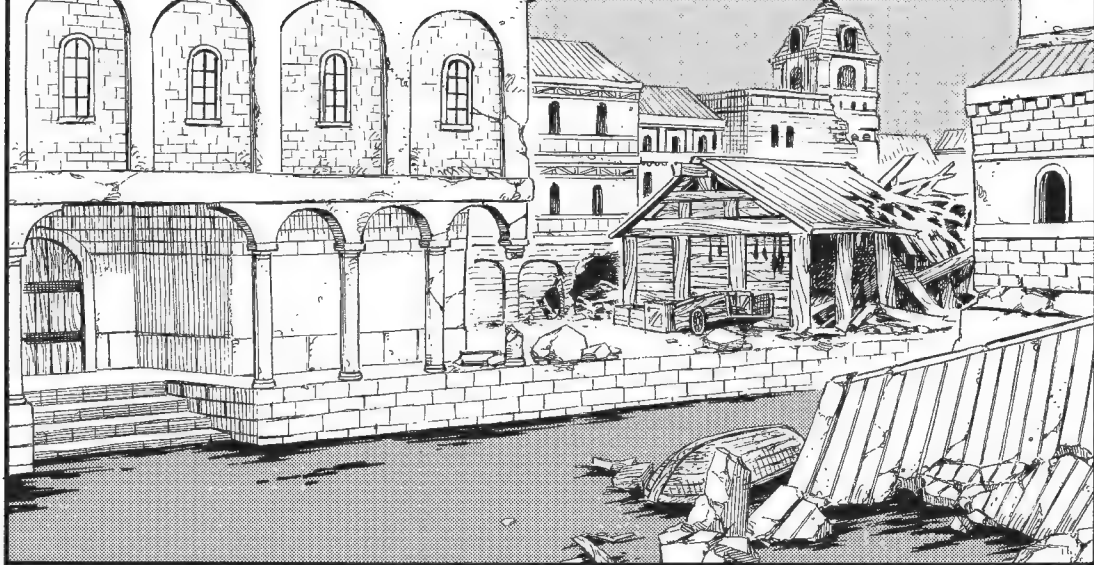
BWOOGH

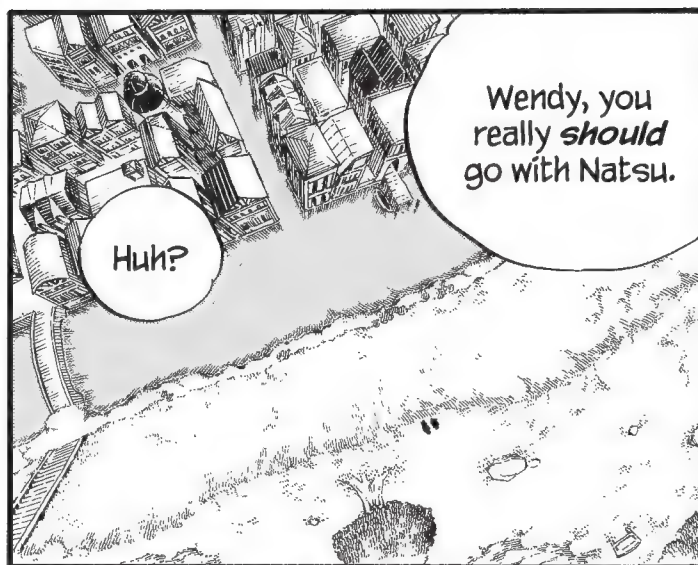
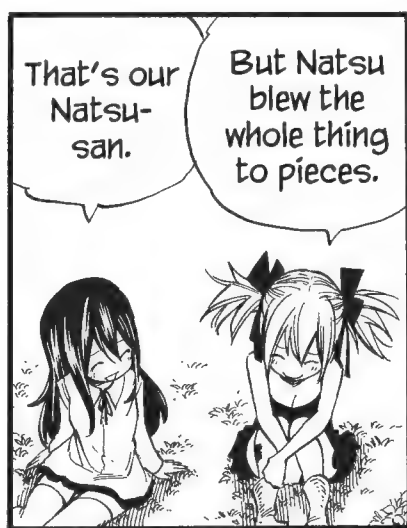




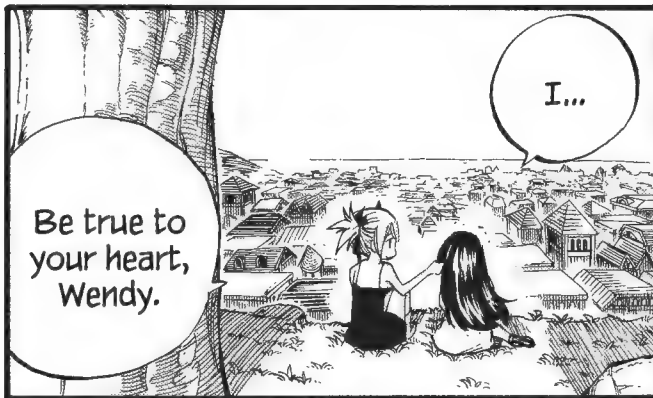








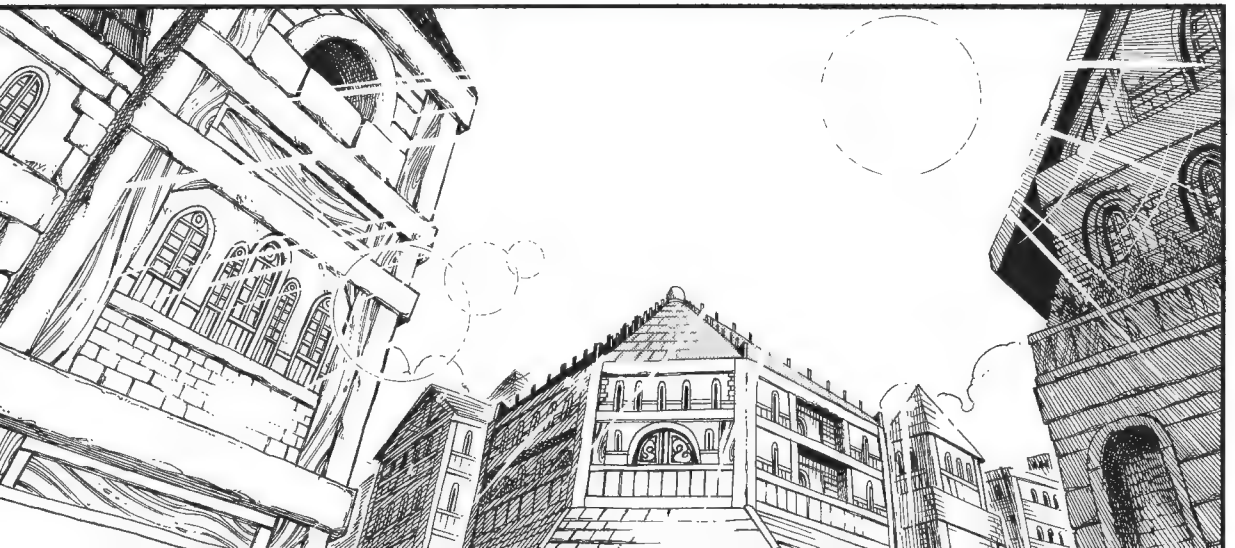
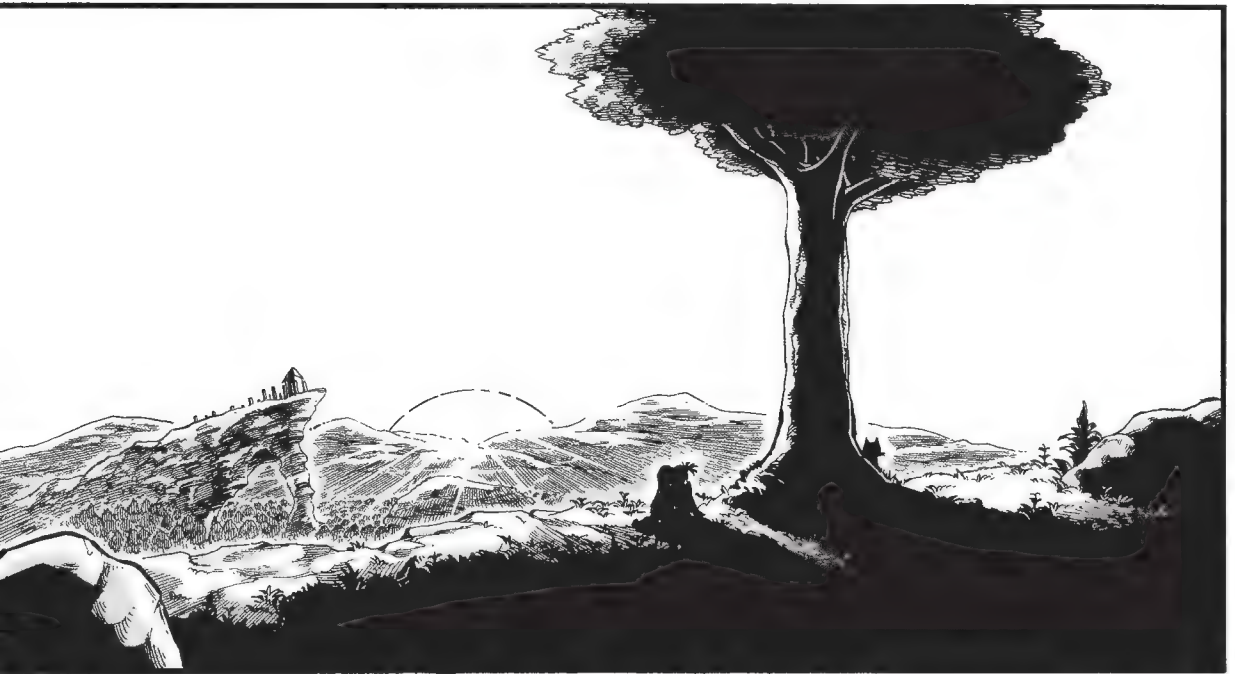
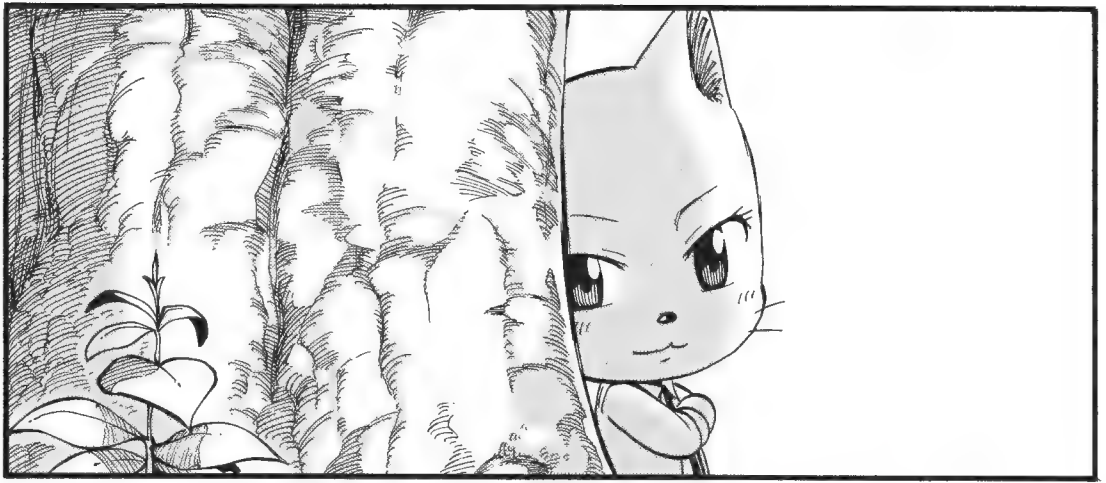


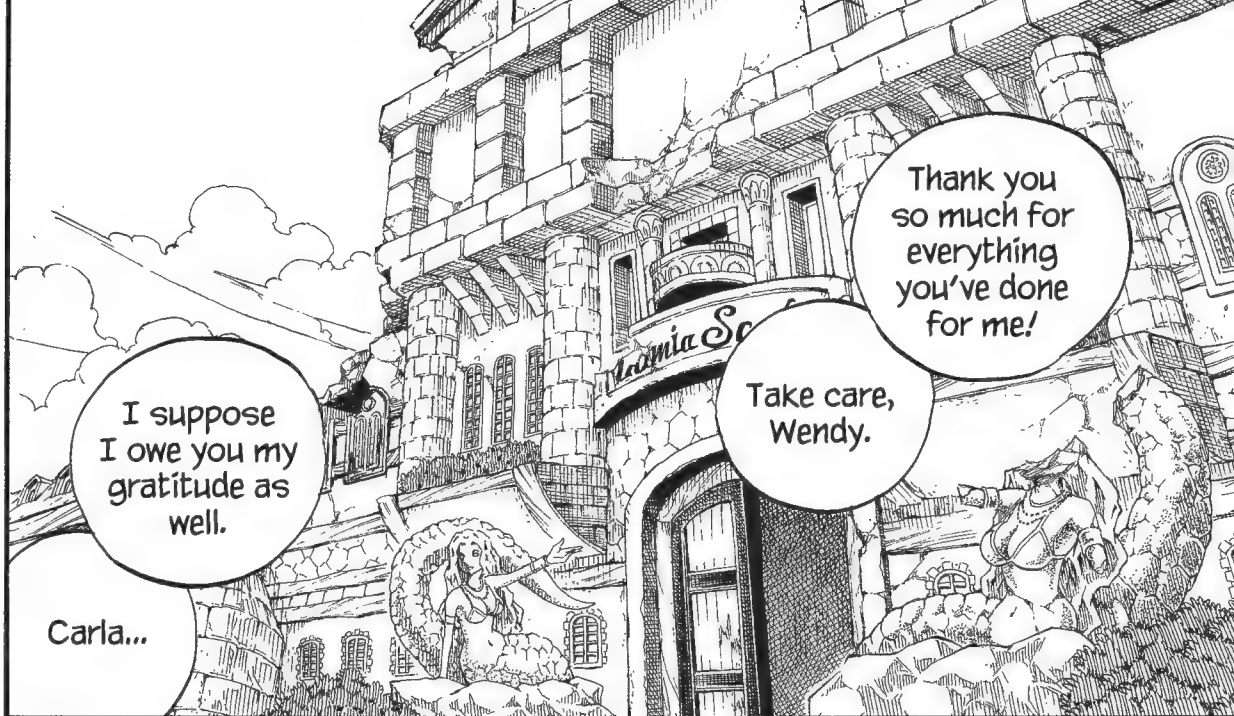


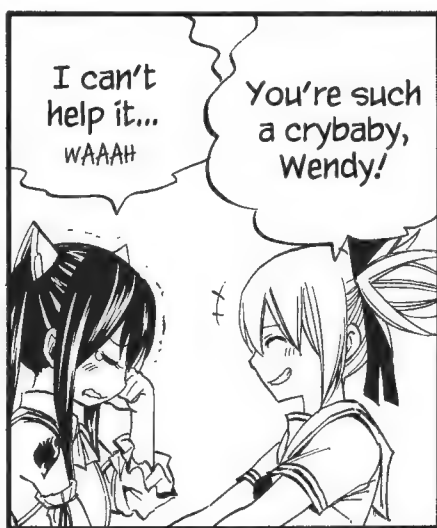
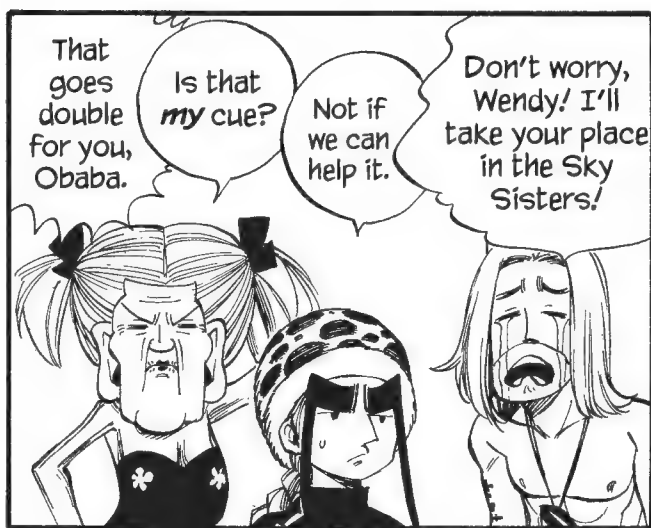
*You'll
always
be my
friend.*

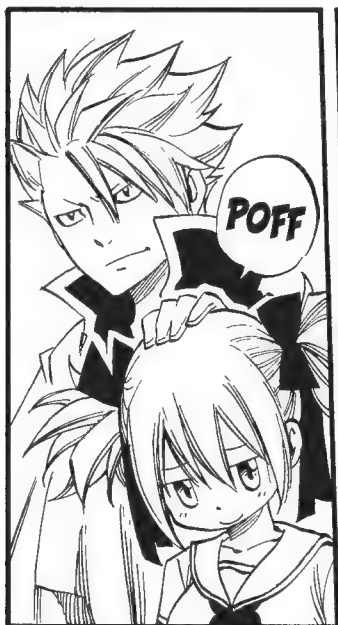


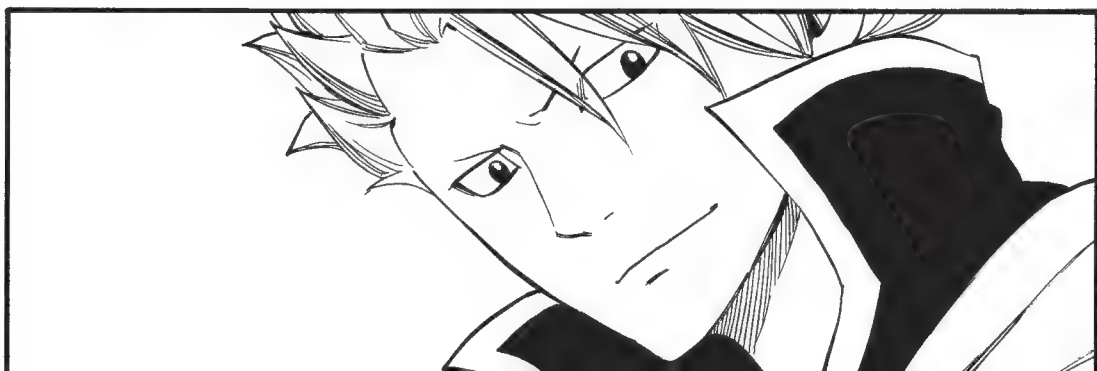
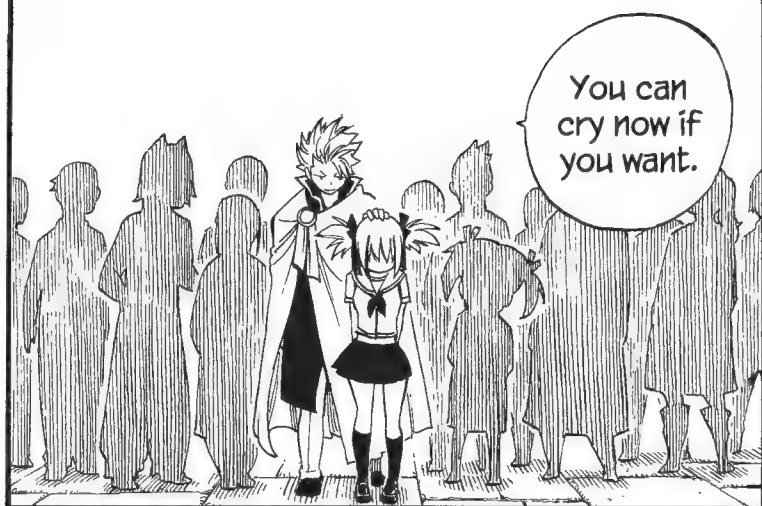
*You,
too!*

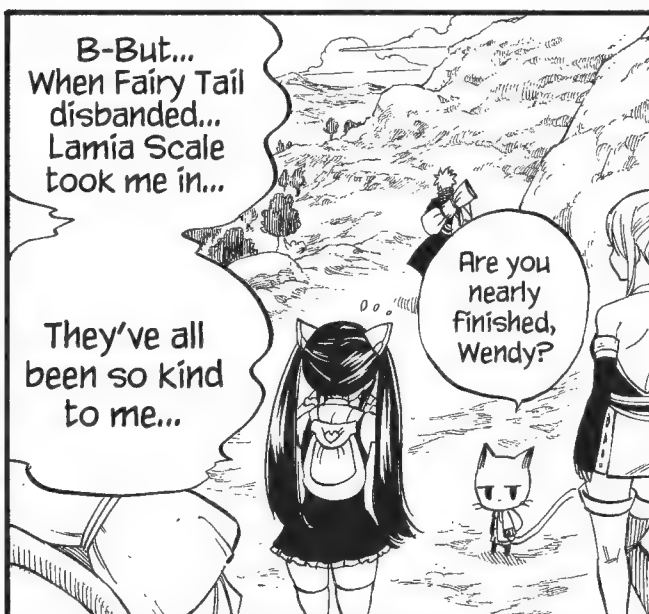


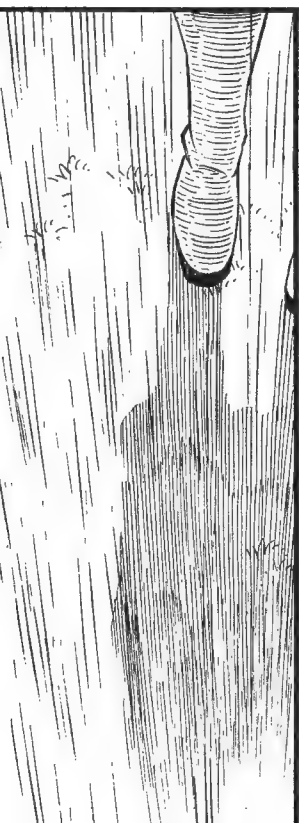
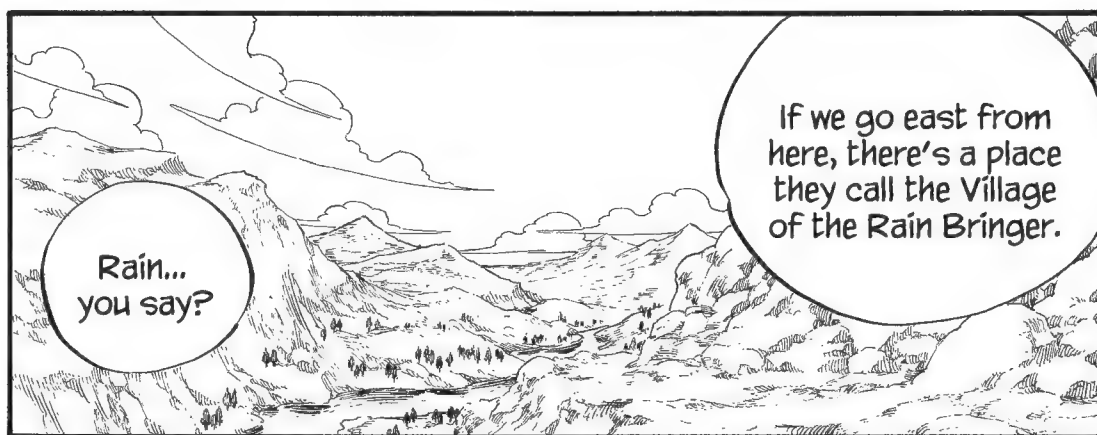














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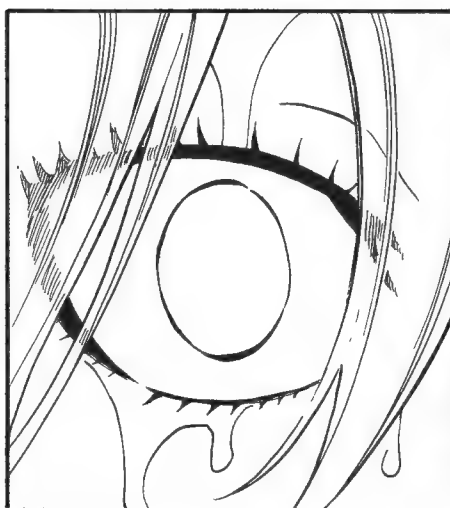
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Chapter 424: Avatar







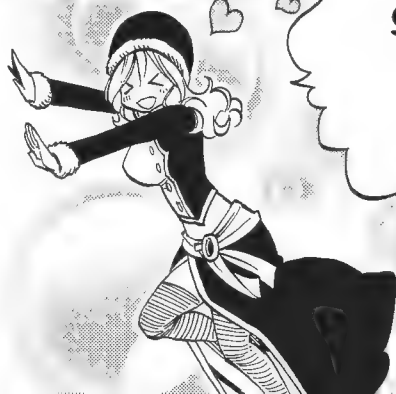




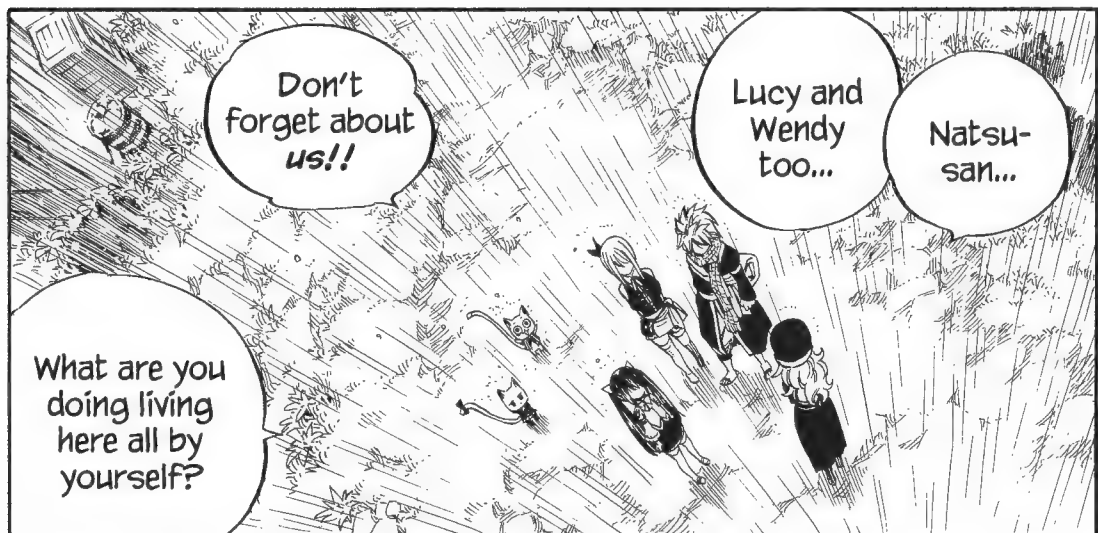
Sorry I
was gone
so long.

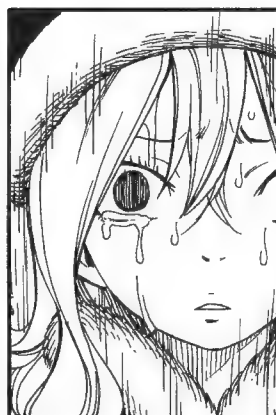
I've
come
back for
you.

Gray-
sama!



GRAY-
SAMA! ♡
JUVIA...
JUVIA...

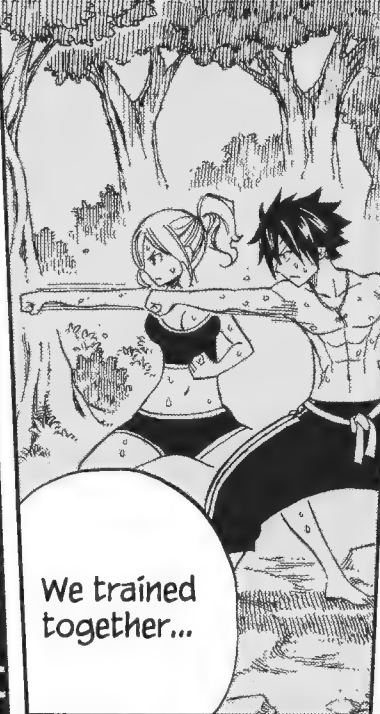








We did jobs together...



We trained together...



We ate together...



... Juvia tried to sleep with him, but was kicked out.



We really don't need the details!!

And in this very bed...



Honestly!

Gray-sama!! You can't just leave your clothes lying around when you strip!



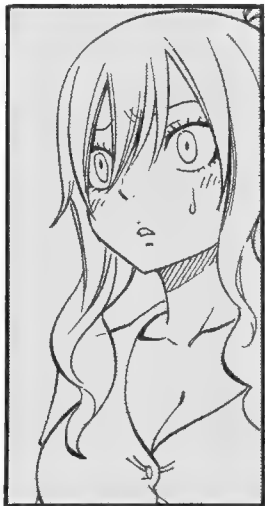
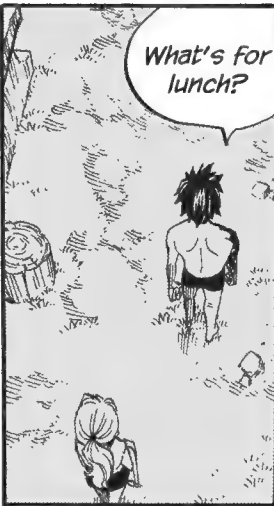
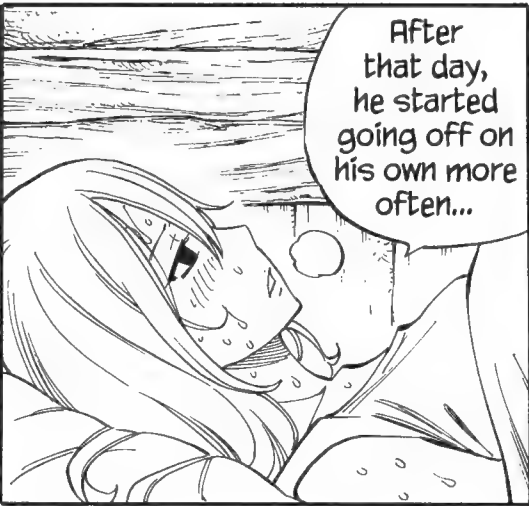
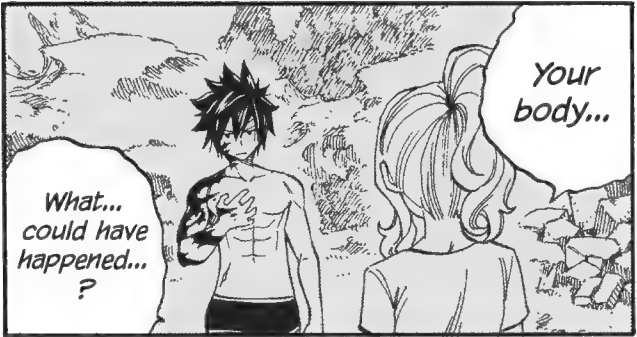
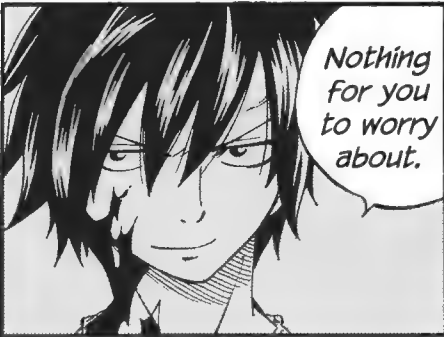
But then, one day...



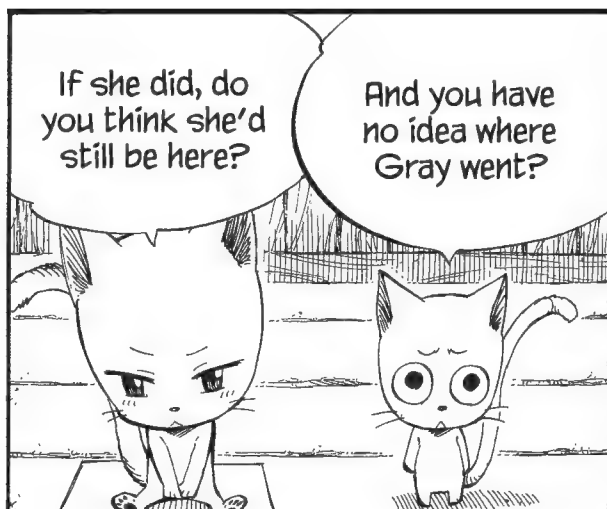
Juvia was so happy...

HAHA

HAHA

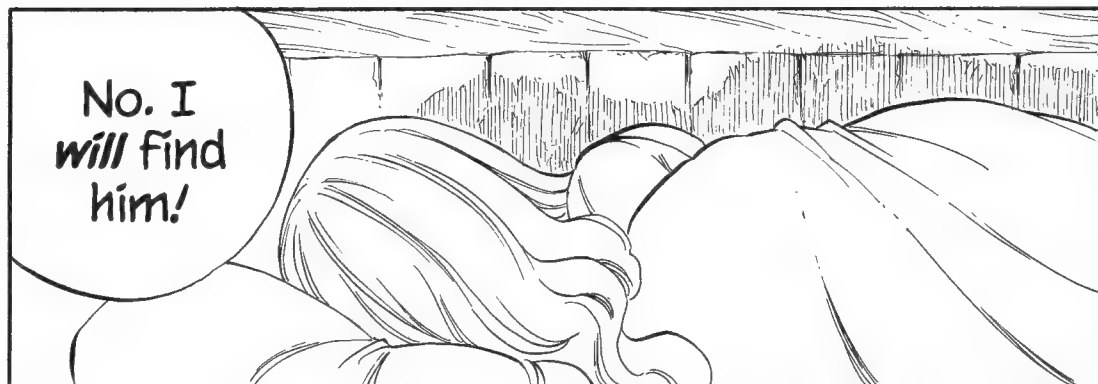








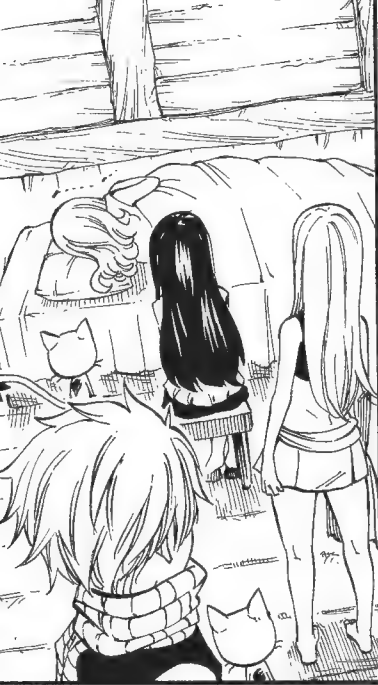
Forgive Juvia... A reunion should be happy...

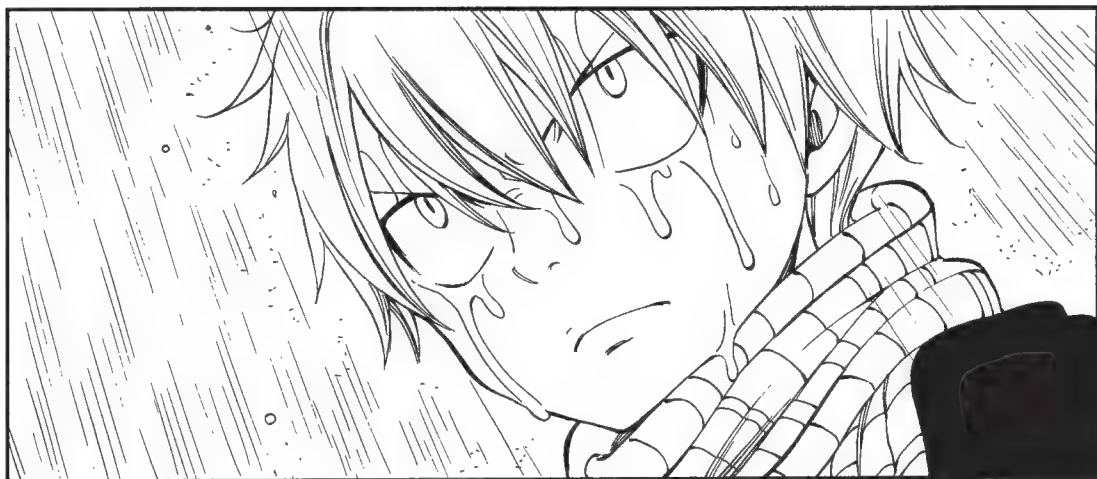


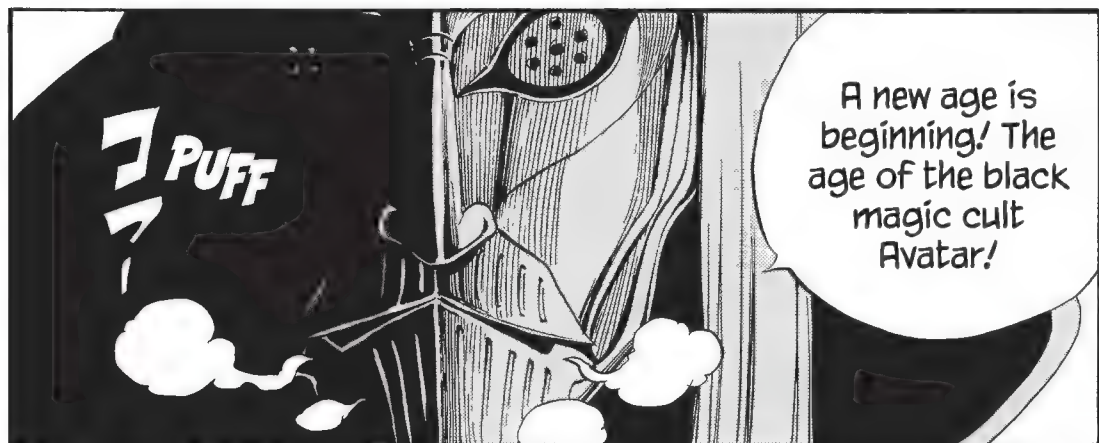


**We're
getting
all our
friends back
together!**

**We're
gonna
bring
back
Fairy
Tail!!**









Our
article of
faith...

...is that the
world shall
be as Zeref
the Black
Wizard
wishes it!



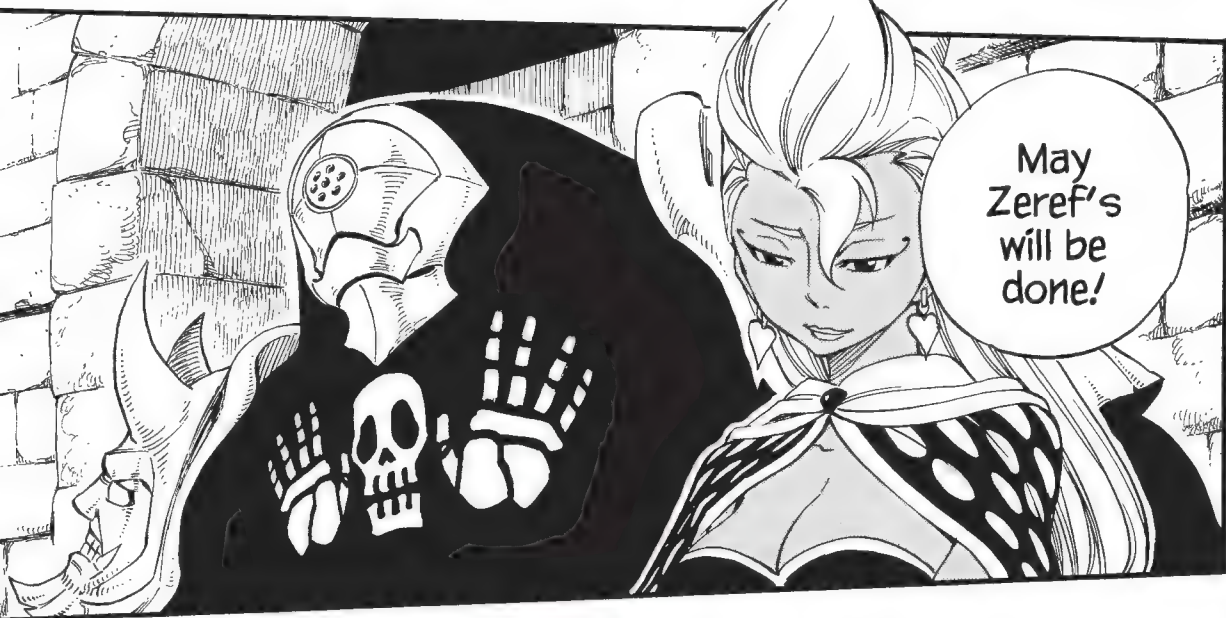
AVATAR BLACK
MAGIC CULT

HIGH PRIEST
ALOK



We
will purge
all wizards
who oppose
the will of
Zeref!

The time
is ripe.



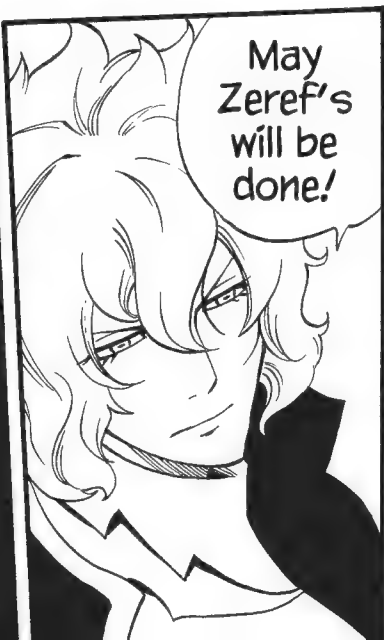
May
Zeref's
will be
done!



SMILE



May
Zeref's
will be
done!



May
Zeref's
will be
done!

A black and white manga-style illustration of Gray Fullbuster. He is shown from the waist up, leaning against a stone wall with an archway behind him. He has spiky black hair and a confident, slightly smug expression. He is wearing a dark, high-collared coat with a white fur-like trim. His hands are clasped in front of him, and he is wearing white gloves with black straps. A speech bubble is positioned in the upper right corner of the frame.

May
Zeref's
will be
done!



AVATAR BLACK
MAGIC CULT

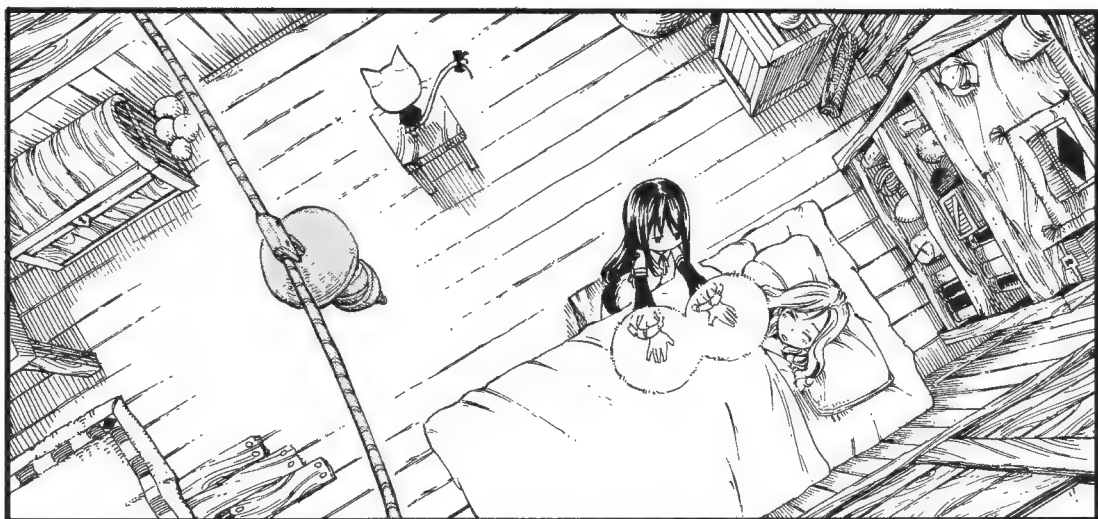
**GRAY
FULLBUSTER**

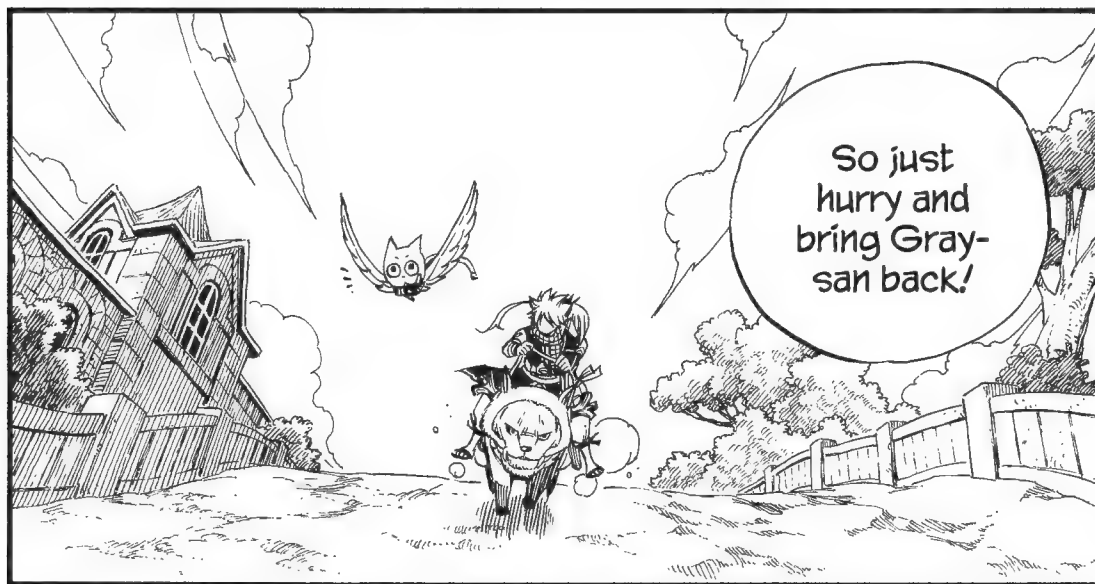


 FAIRYTAIL

Chapter 425: Saber Tooth X792









Say, Natsu...
Are we really
going to find
out anything
about Gray at
Saber?



It's
huge!









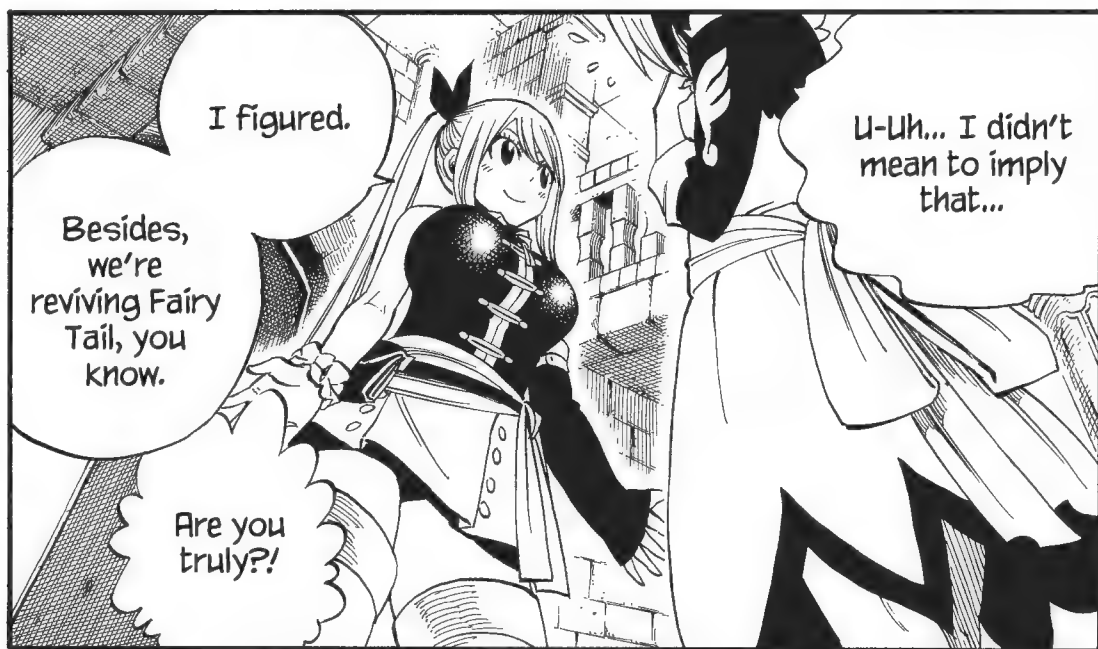
And that has led to extensive profit...which I have committed to memory.

Mainly because all the old Fairy Tail jobs are coming to us now!



Yes, thank you so much!

Long time, no see! You been doing okay?



I figured.

Besides, we're reviving Fairy Tail, you know.

Are you truly?!

U-uh... I didn't mean to imply that...



It appears so. Yes.

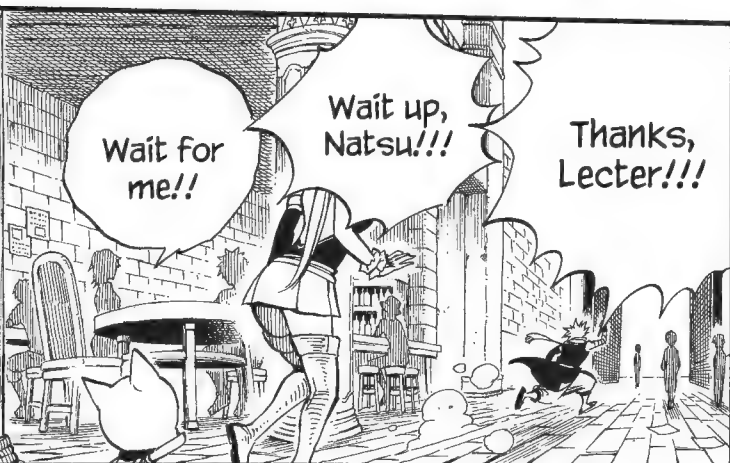
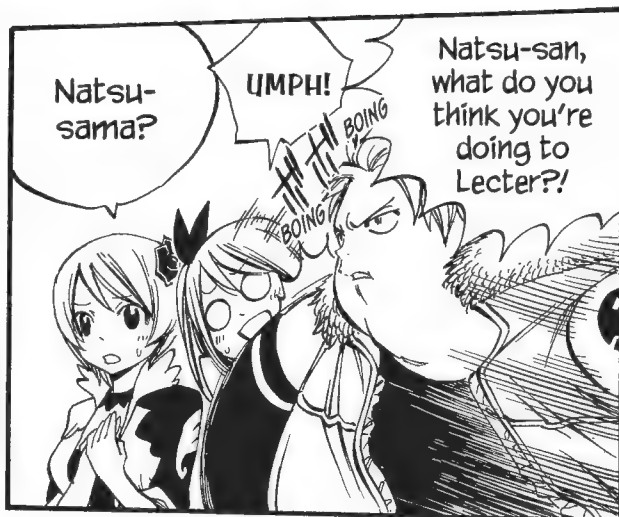
Now, *there's* a voice I haven't heard in a while!

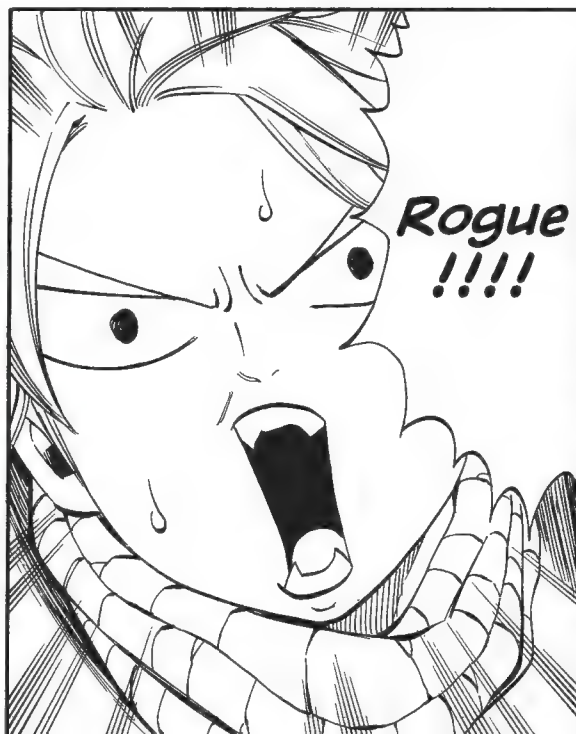
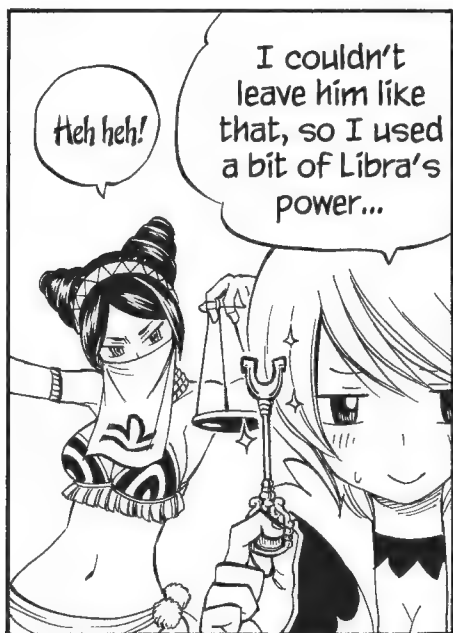


It's nothing to *cry* about.

I will...very much enjoy that!!









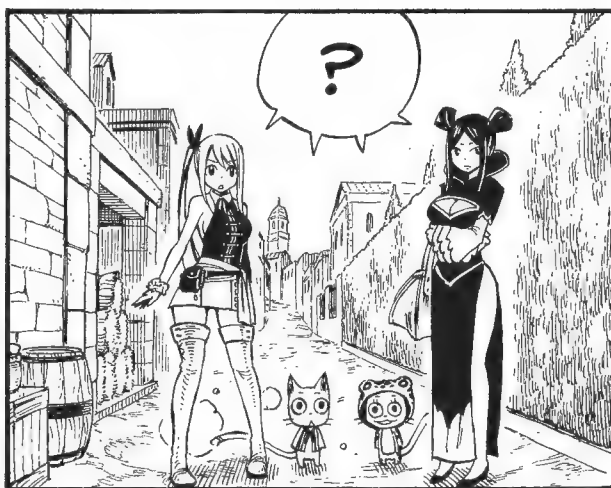
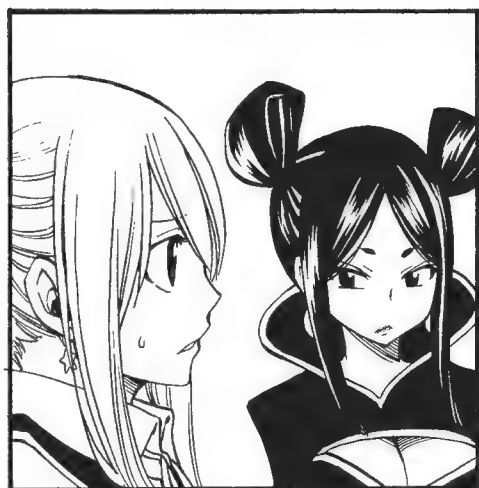


This talk's
gotta be one-
on-one!!! You
guys stay
there!!!!



Fro will
talk also!

poin
poin
poin



Just
now, for a
second.

Did you
check in
at our
guild?



So, what
happened
to Sting,
anyway?

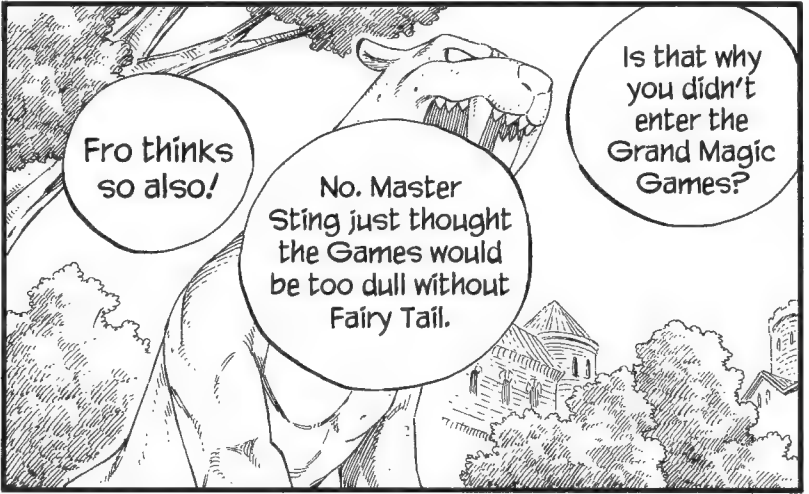


Yeah... I'm
glad you got
back to your
guild.

It has been
quite some
time.



Sign: Tora Tora Tora: "Tiger Tiger Tiger"





Nope. It's really not a problem.

Even so, I carried it far beyond mere competition.



Oh, I wouldn't hold that against you. Our guilds were competing, you know?

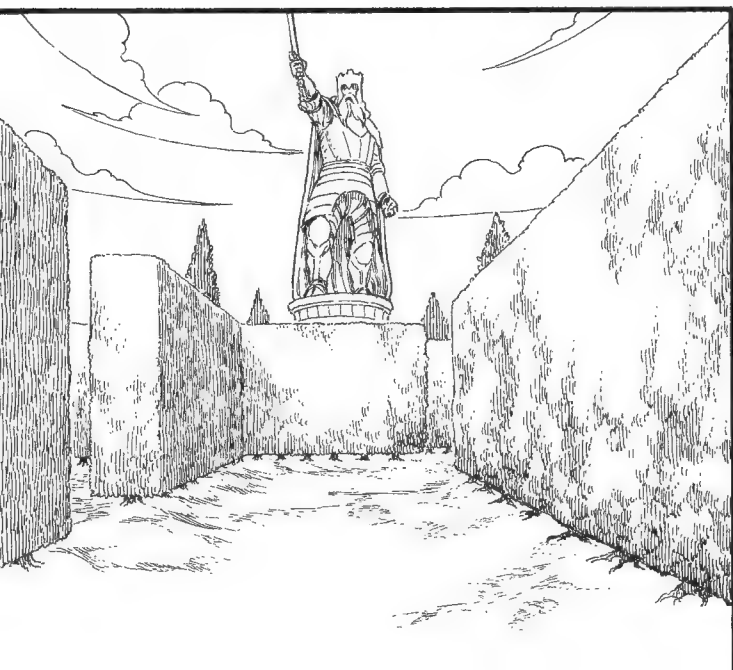


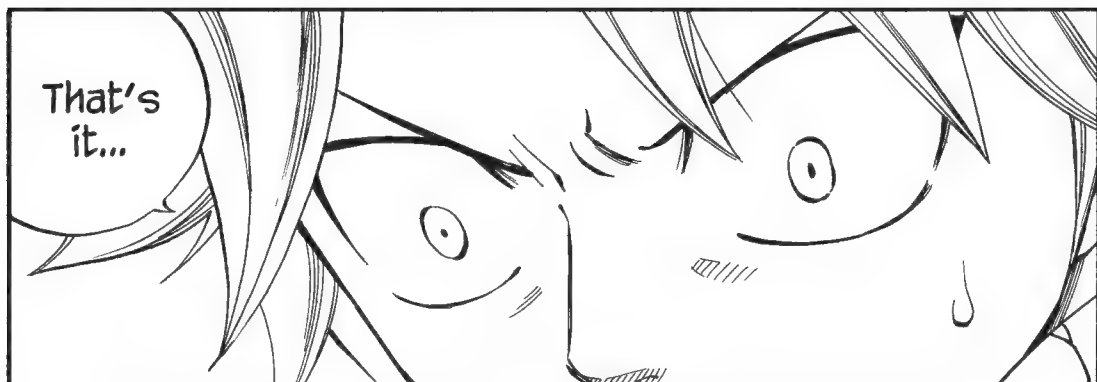
It was truly a fine guild.

I feel the regrettable absence of Fairy Tail.

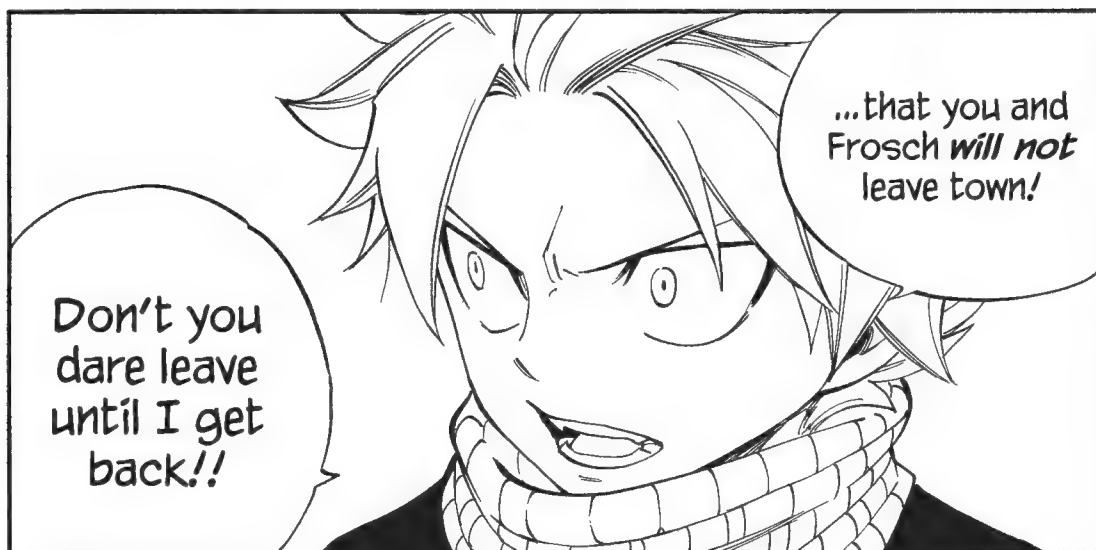


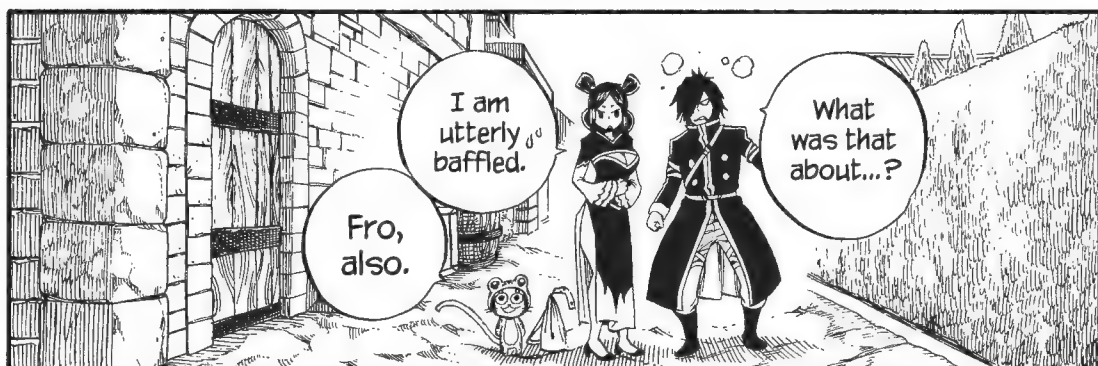
HEH!





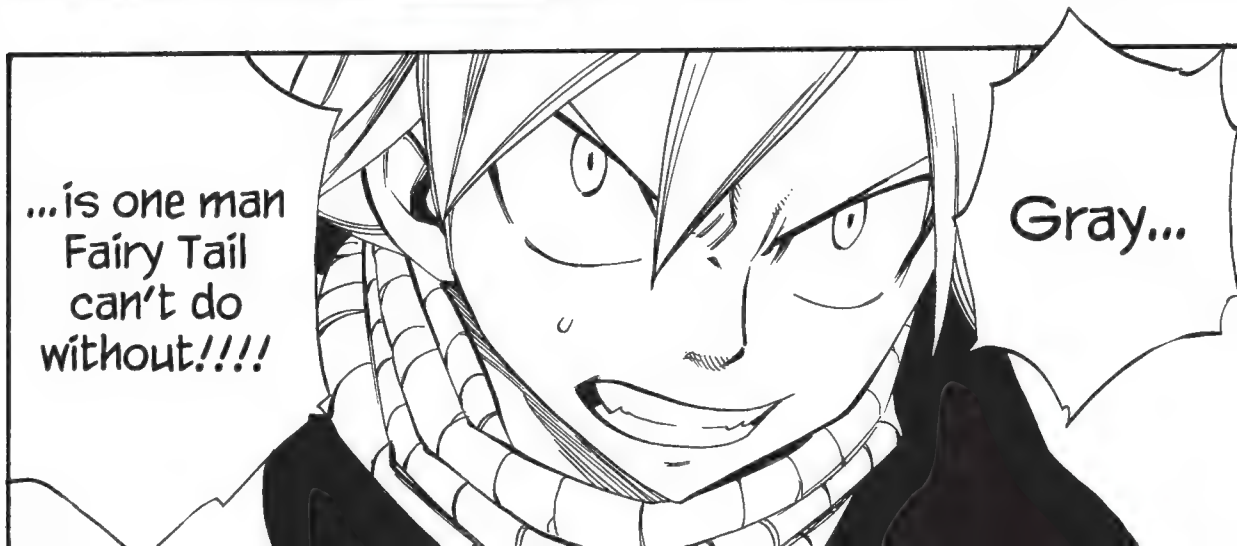








*Frosch
will be
killed by
Gray!*



...is one man
Fairy Tail
can't do
without!!!!

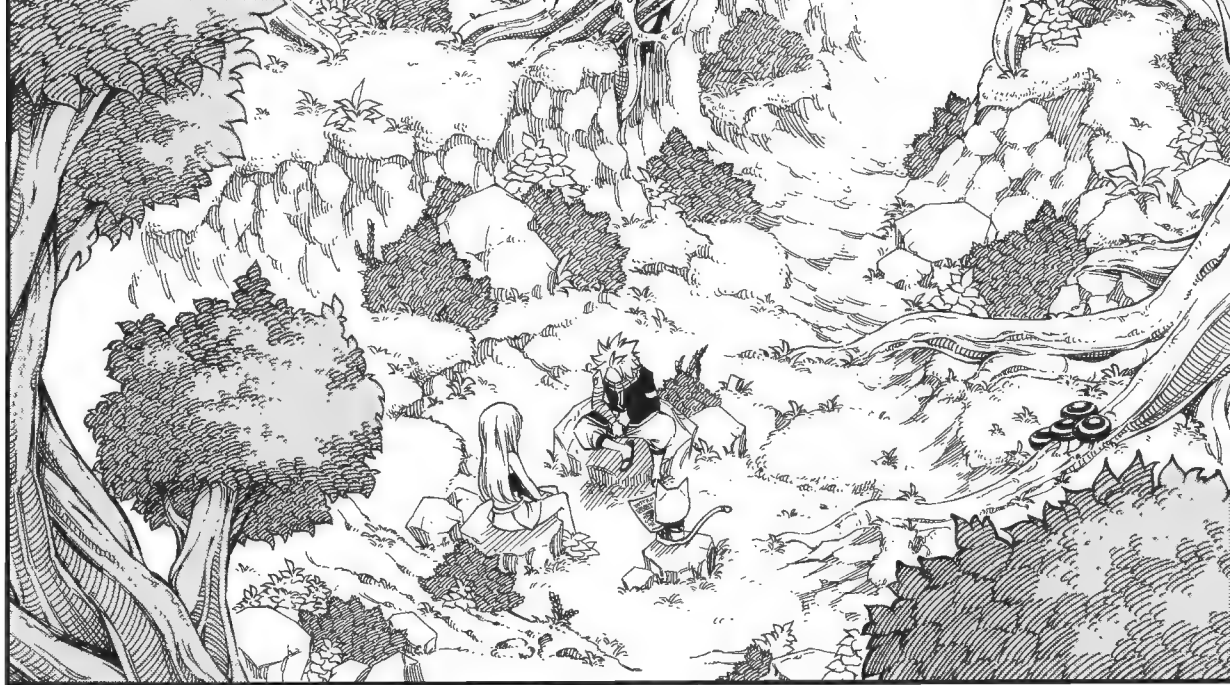
Gray...

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 426: Black Heart





Avatar has been gaining in influence lately now that the dark guilds have declined in power. It's a cult devoted to Zeref.

Who knows?

This black magic cult Avatar that Rogue intended to confront... What is it?

From what I can tell, they worship him as a god.

I don't know if he's in any way connected with them or not.

Zeref?!



*That gets
me fired
up!!*

So they're
Zeref's
minions?



Mmm...

Maybe he
can't tell
us.

It's
odd to
see him
thinking.

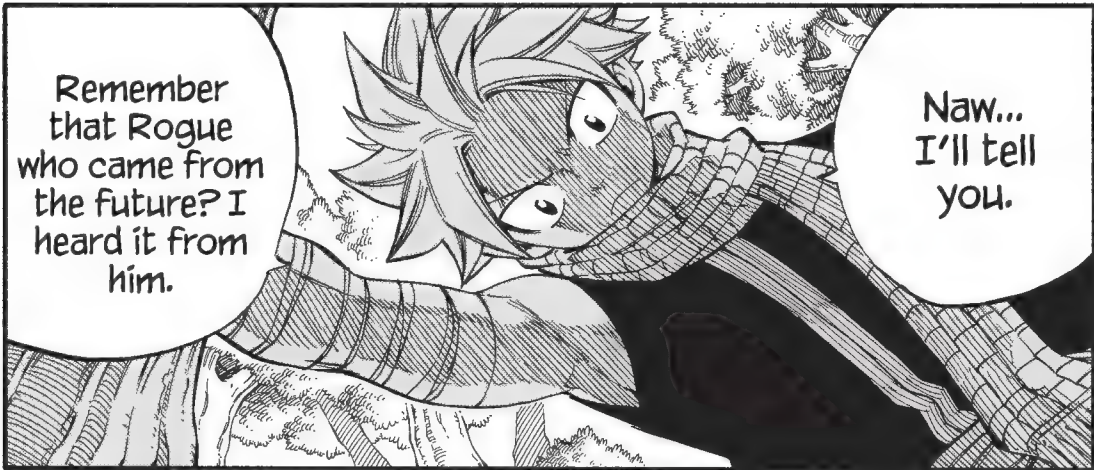


Hm...



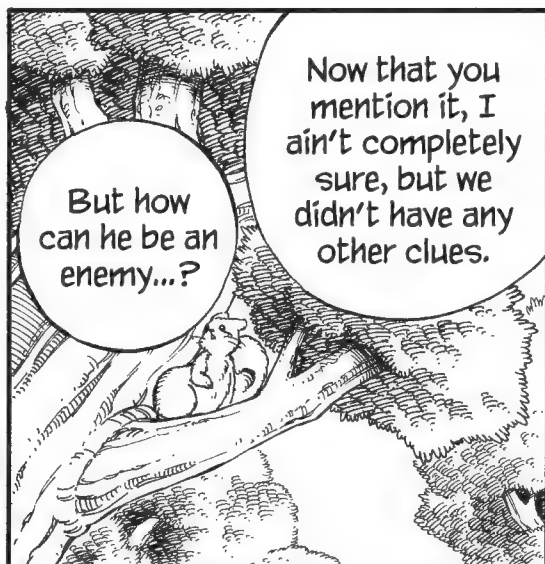
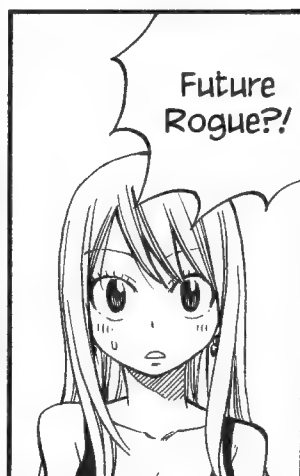
I'm
baffled
about that,
too!

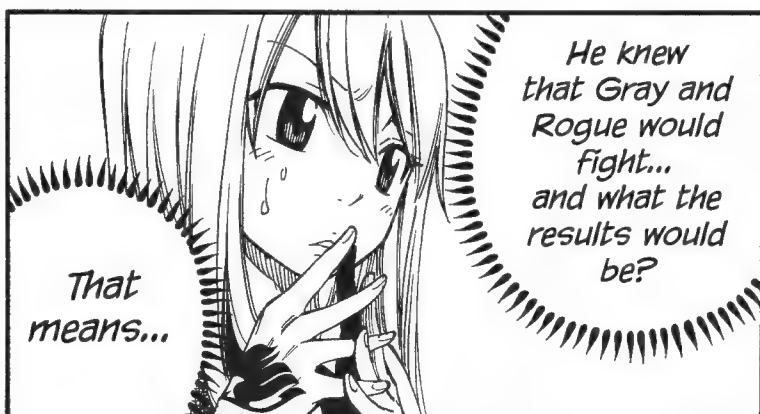
But what I want
to know is why you
think this job of
Rogue's will lead
us to Gray.



Remember
that Rogue
who came from
the future? I
heard it from
him.

Naw...
I'll tell
you.

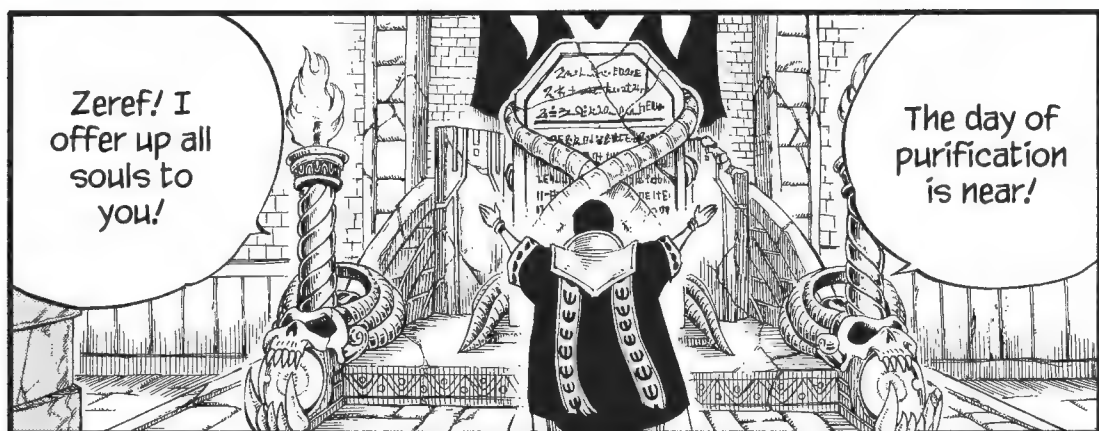






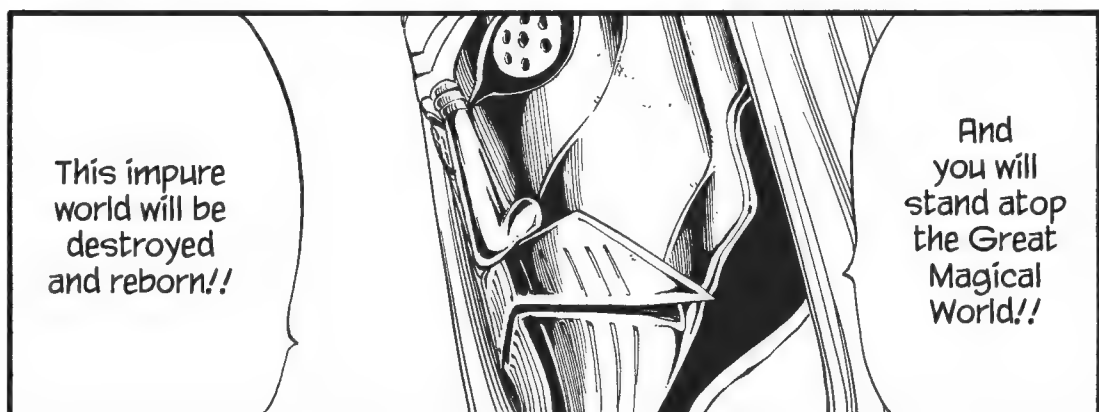


Avatar



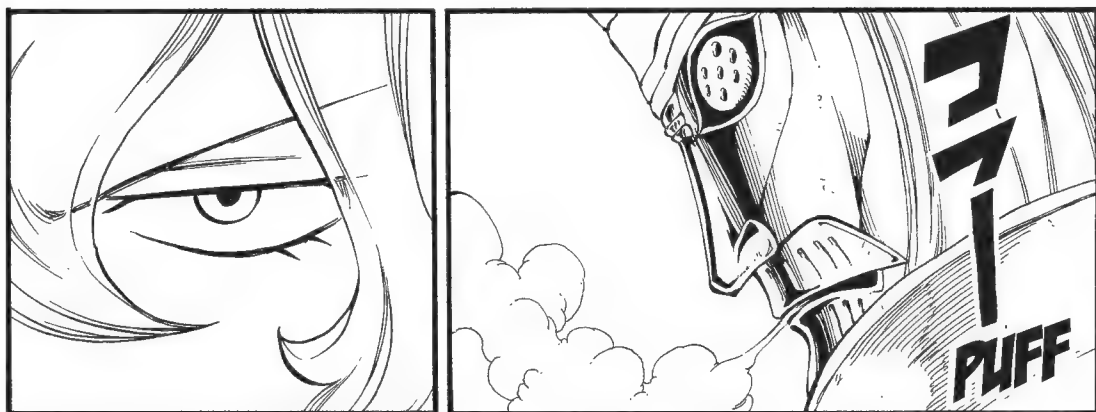
Zeref! I
offer up all
souls to
you!

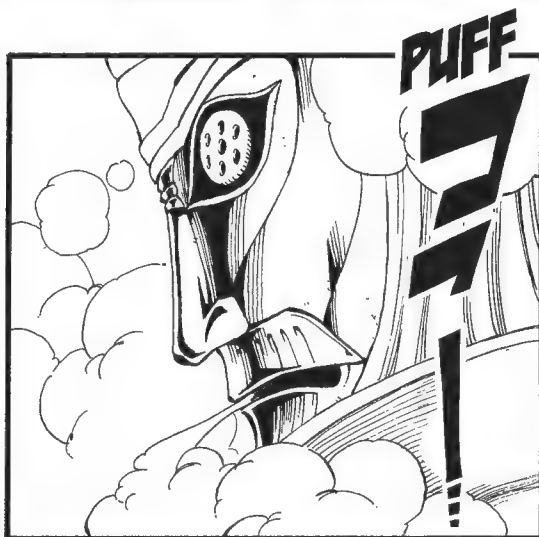
The day of
purification
is near!

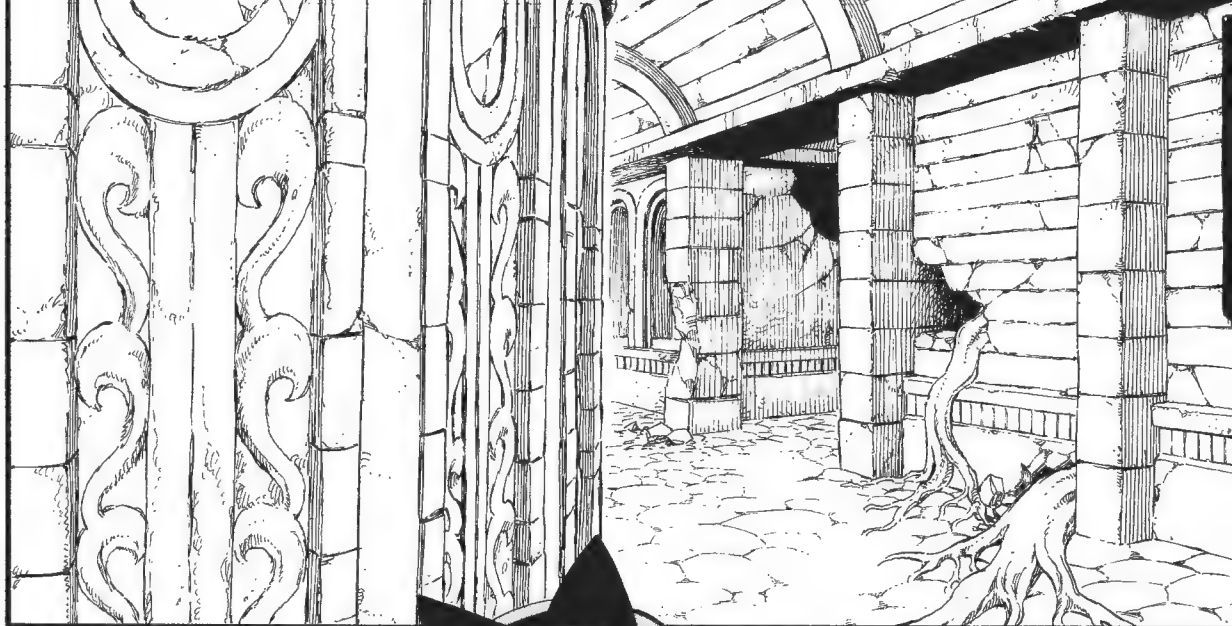


This impure
world will be
destroyed
and reborn!!

And
you will
stand atop
the Great
Magical
World!!







I wonder if Zeref will really come for us so quickly?

SMILE

GRIN

GRIN

The old guy has a stubborn streak, doesn't he?

AVATAR
BLACK
MAGIC CULT
MARY

They're always totally lame, too!

You're so mean, Briar! And *I'm* not the one going around calling everyone weird nicknames!!

Humph
P...
Humph

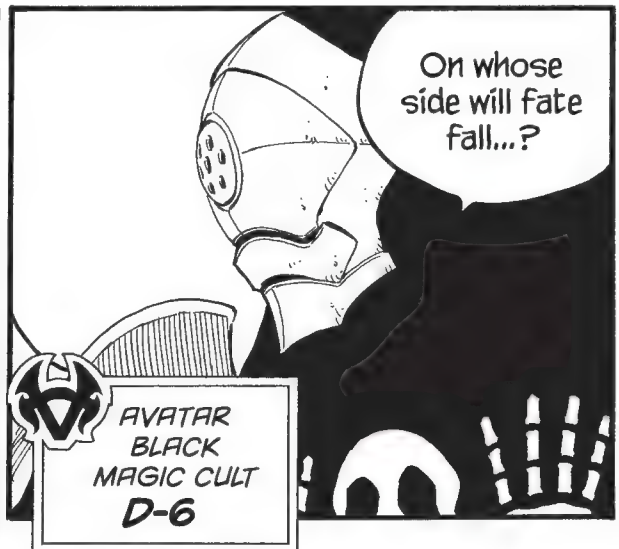
Quiet, venomous woman!



Forehead: Green Tea



Doll Forehead: Curse



Gômon's Back: Tea





One of us
is a Council
informant.

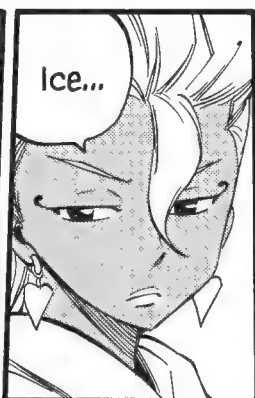
...And you
suspect
it's me.



Well, you were
from the best
(ha./) guild on
the continent.



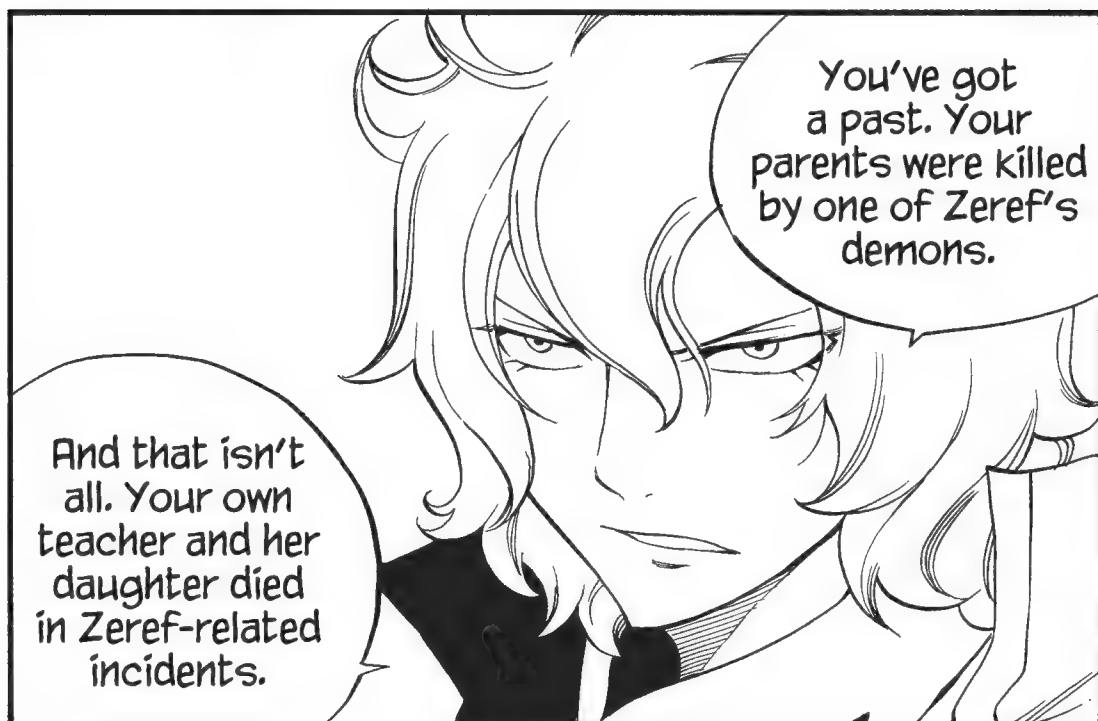
Ice...



Gray
Fullbuster.



I've
done some
research on
you.





No, Briar.
I'll take this
opportunity
to make it
clear.

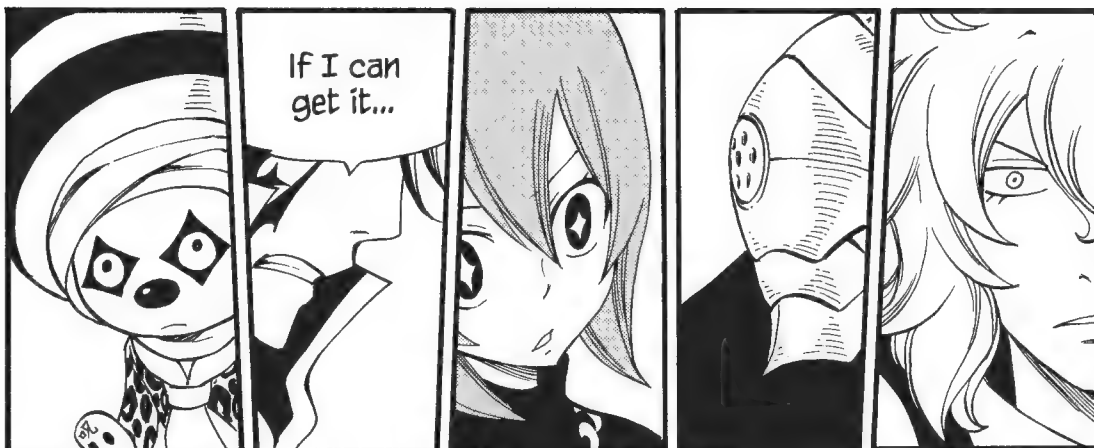
Stop it,
Scruffy.

I still don't
see a reason
for you to be
here!



What I
want is
the *Book of*
END.

*That
is why
I am
here!*



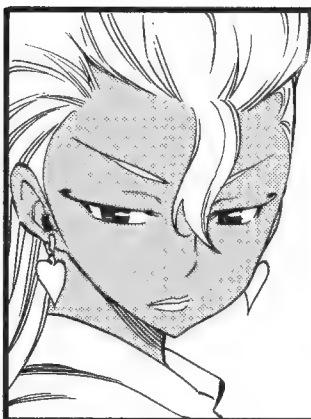


**I live only
to defeat
END!**

**And I
don't care
who or what
I have to use
to make that
happen!!**



Until that day, I'll work alongside you people.



His lust for revenge has blackened his body and soul.



Hm.

There's no way somebody with magic that black is going to inform the Council on us!
Plus, he is pretty cool.



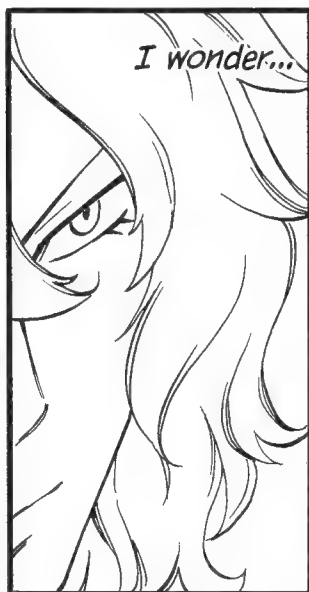
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"Scruffy" suits me.



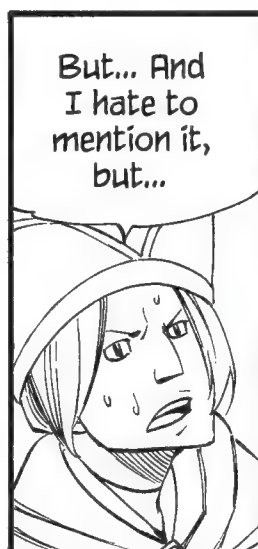
?

Briar...
I've been thinking...



I wonder...







**Who cares?!
We're gonna
grab all of
'em!!**

**That's the
job of the
Council's
Arrest and
Custody
Division,
right?!**



**MAGIC
COUNCIL**

GAJEEL REDFOX

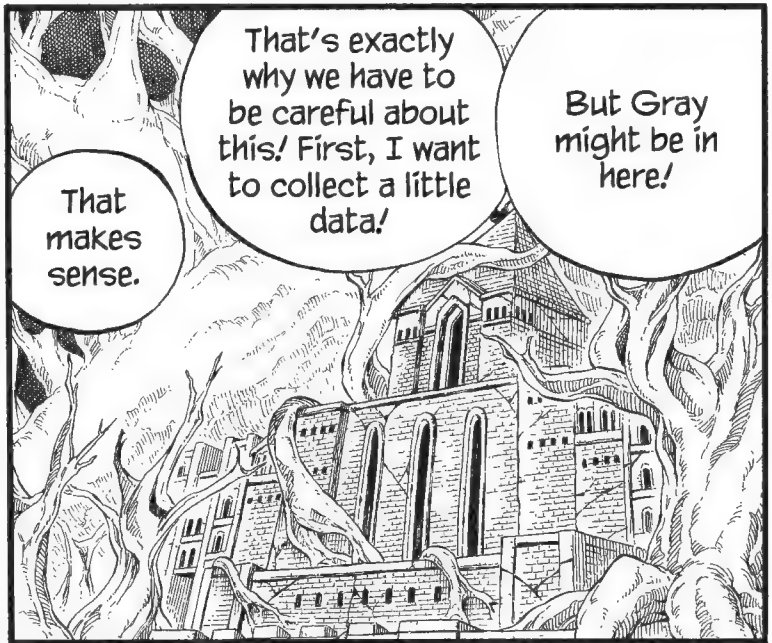
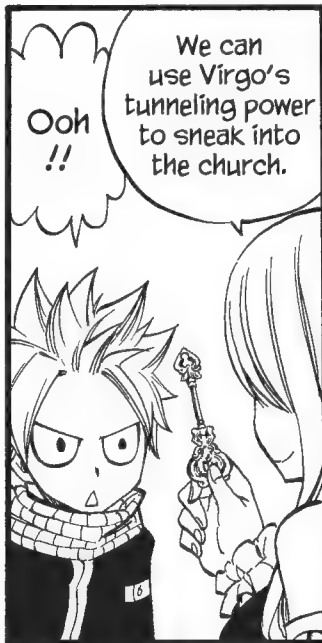
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

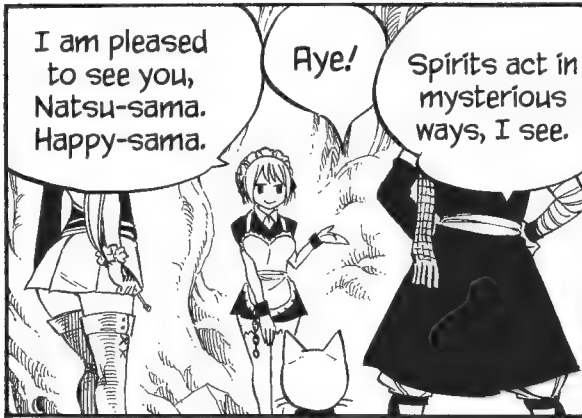
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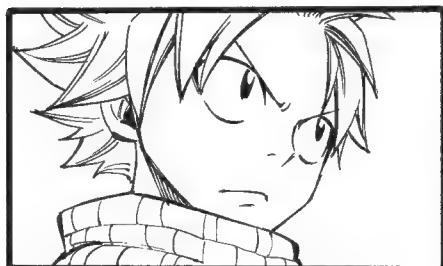
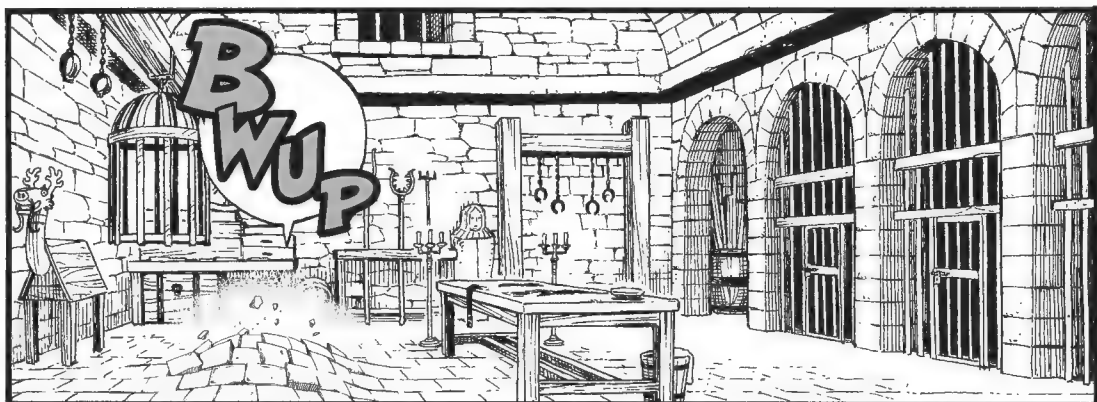
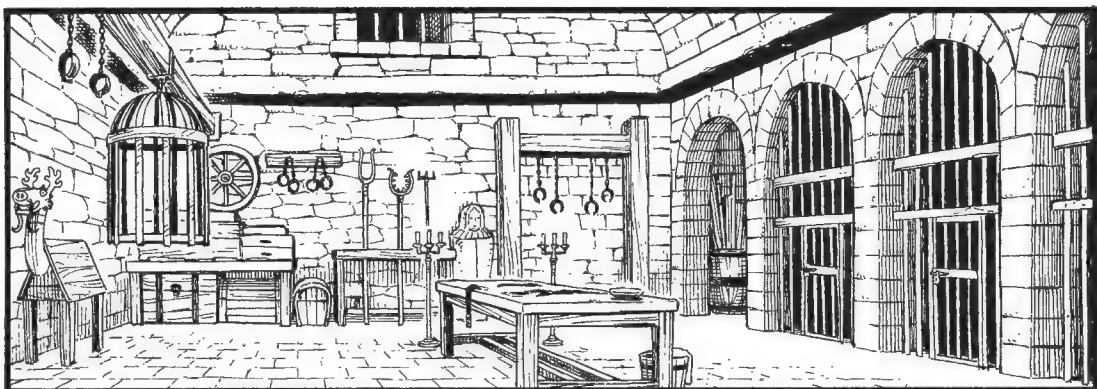




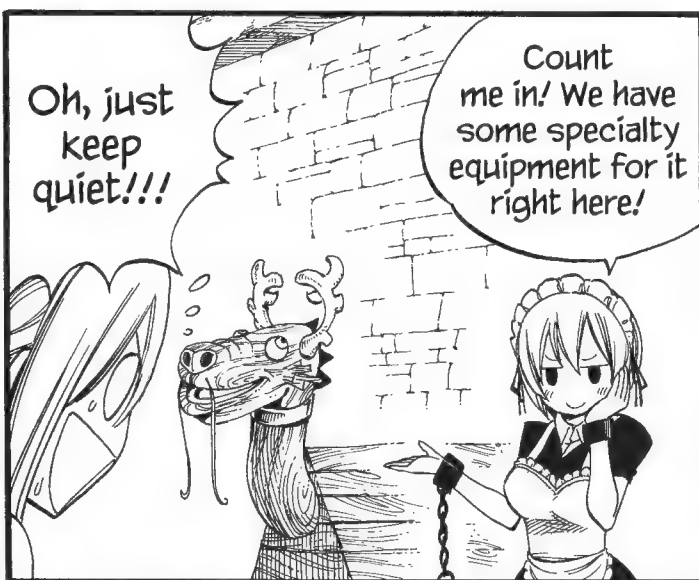


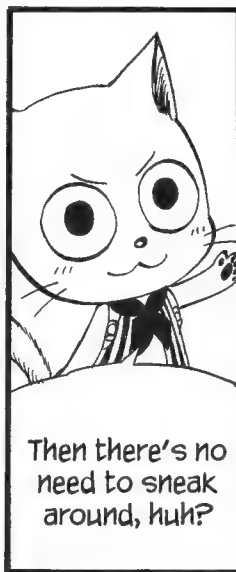






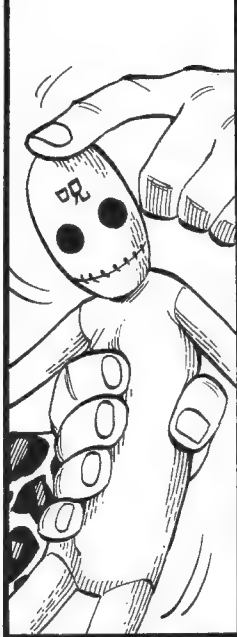








Wait...
That
doll...



An
enemy?!

Doll forehead: Curse



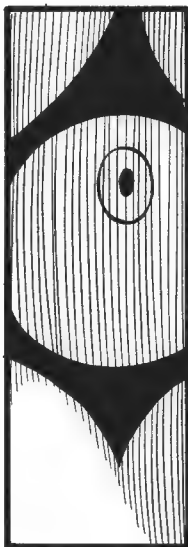
It's
Curse-
san!!!



I's got him
from one of the
tippity-top men
of Grimoire
Heart!

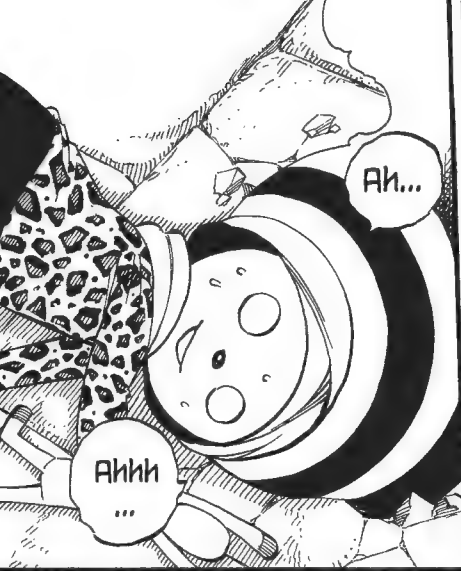


Oh! You
already knows
Curse-san?
That's fun!



THWAM







Now you will
be punished
for all eterni-
tea!!

Intruders!!! Don't
think you can take
down Able with
impuni-tea!

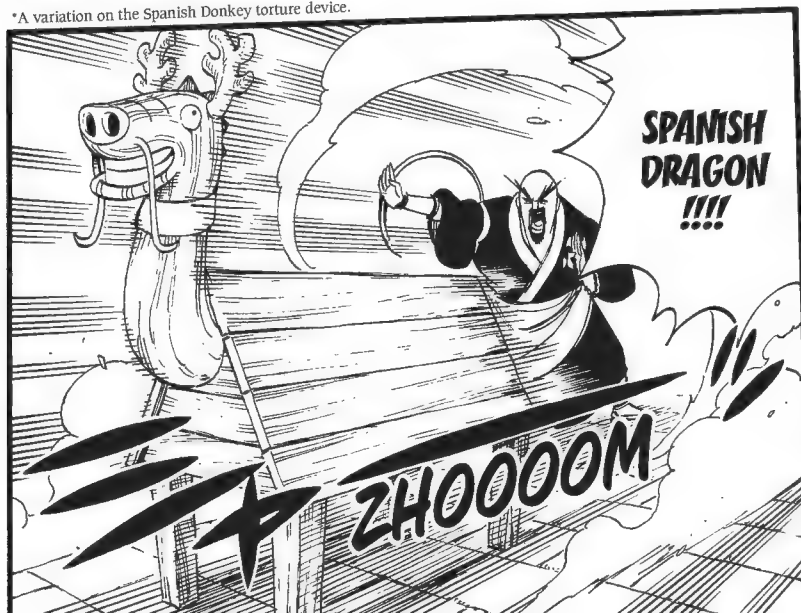
It was
your ill luck that
you entered my
torture-training
room!

Forehead: Green Tea



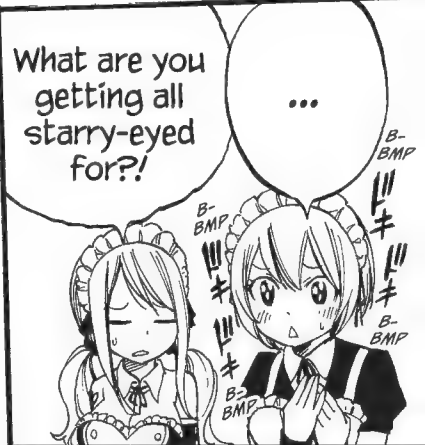
Tea! Tea!
Tea! Tea!
Teeeeaaa!!

*A variation on the Spanish Donkey torture device.



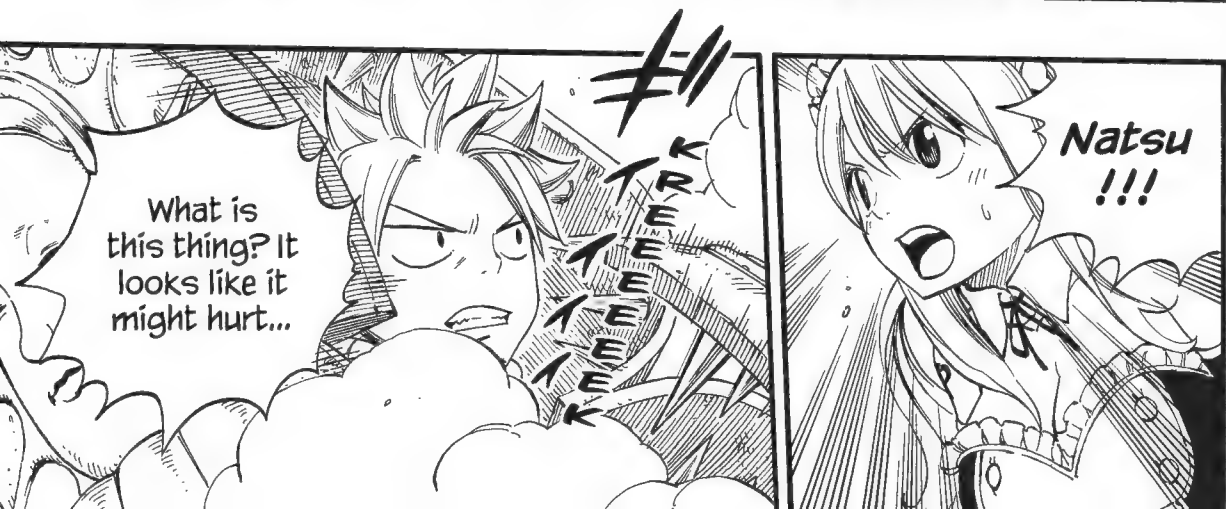
SPANISH
DRAGON
!!!!

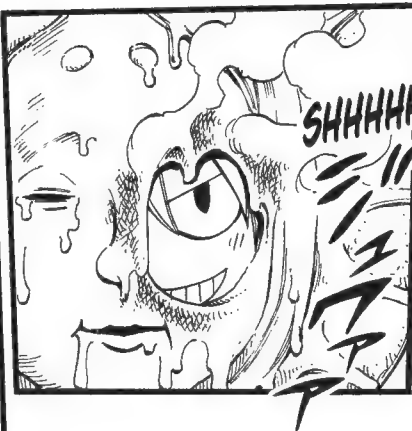
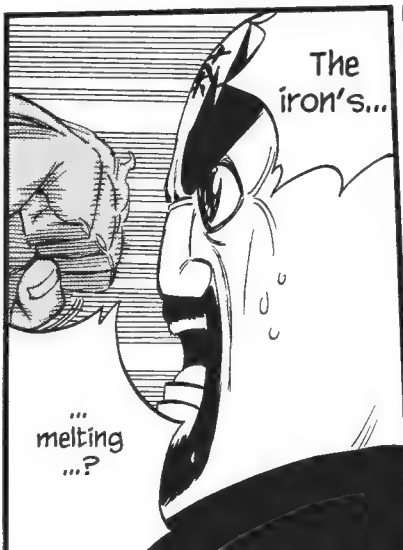
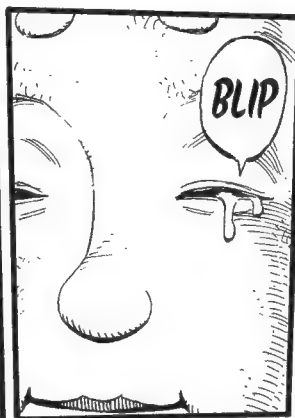
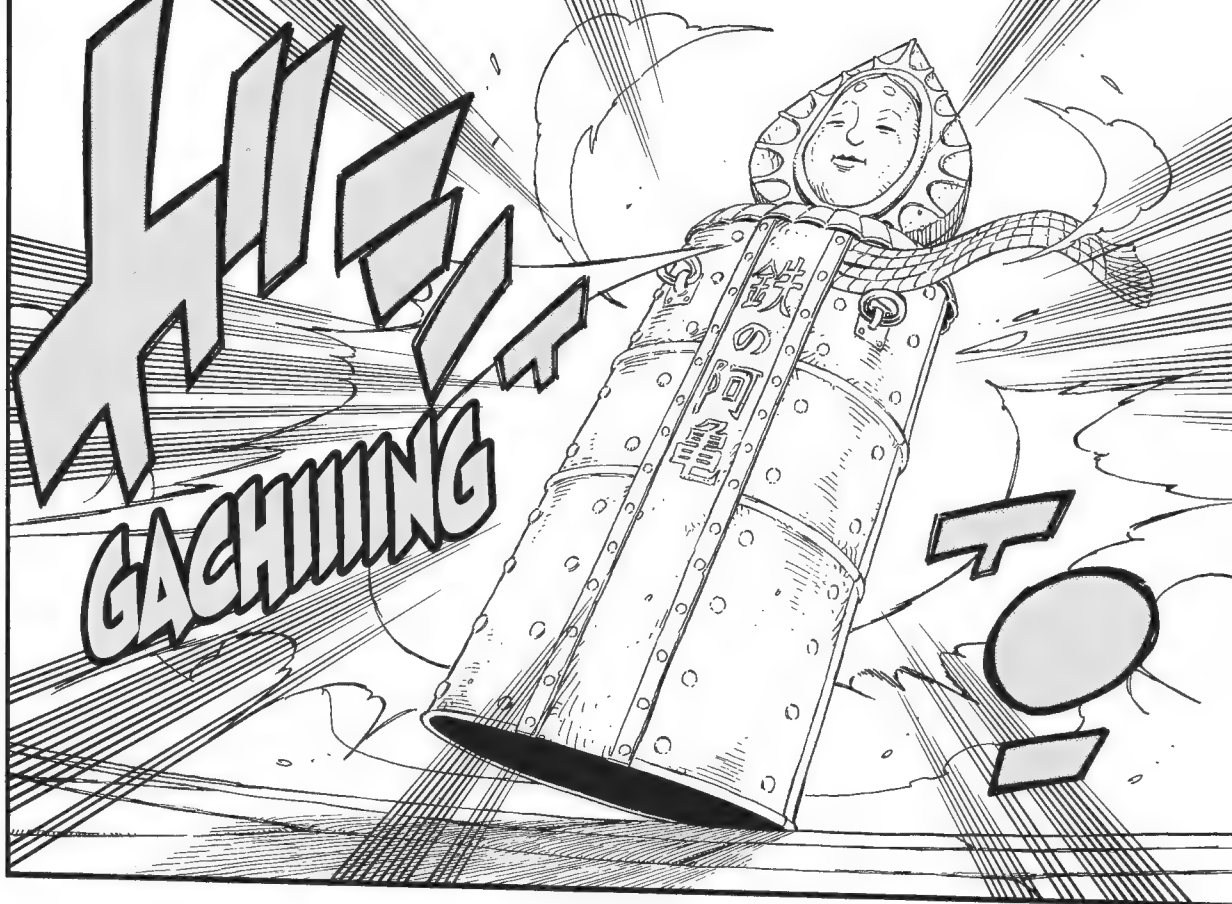
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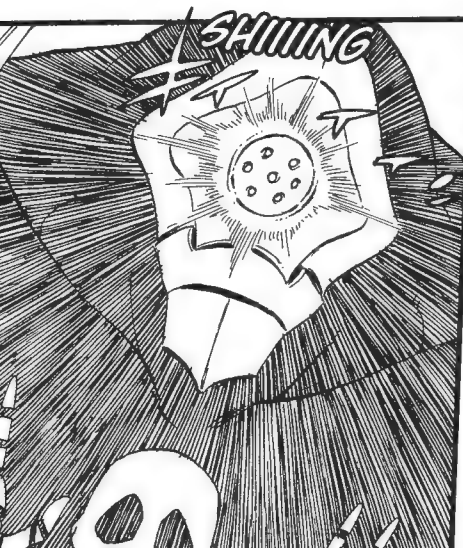
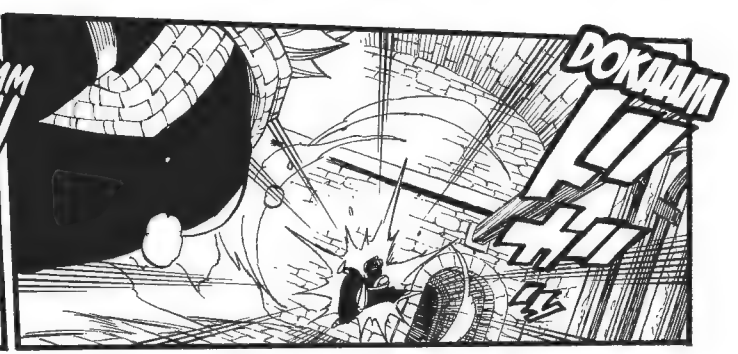
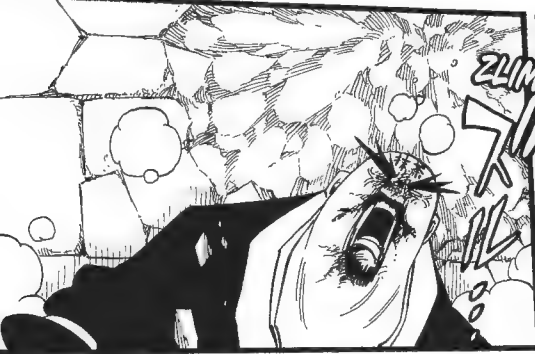



What are you
getting all
starry-eyed
for?!

...





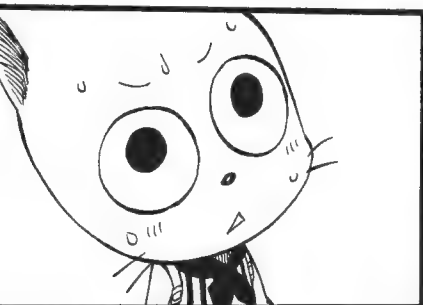
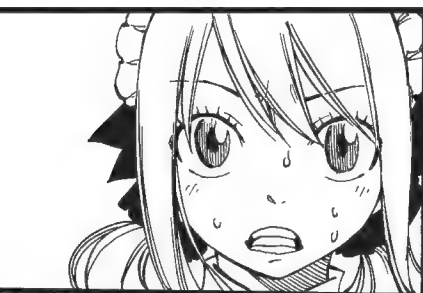
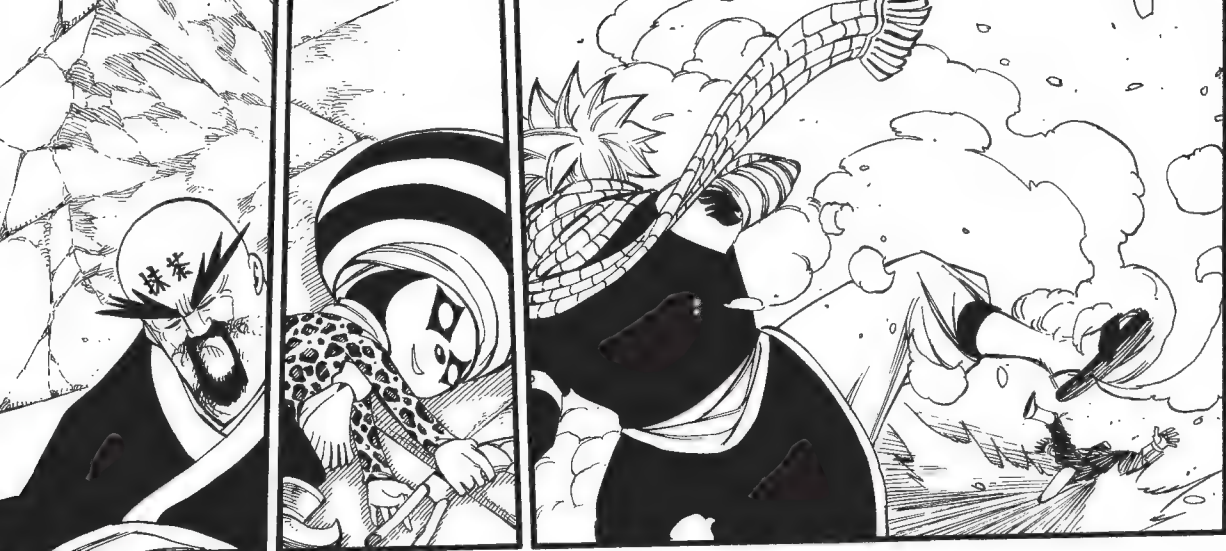




*Make that
three!!*

CRACKK

F





Yo!

You
been doing
good?



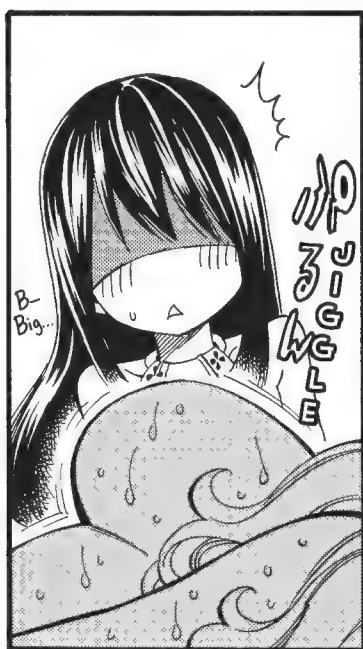
I'll take
him down.

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 428: When We Take Different Paths

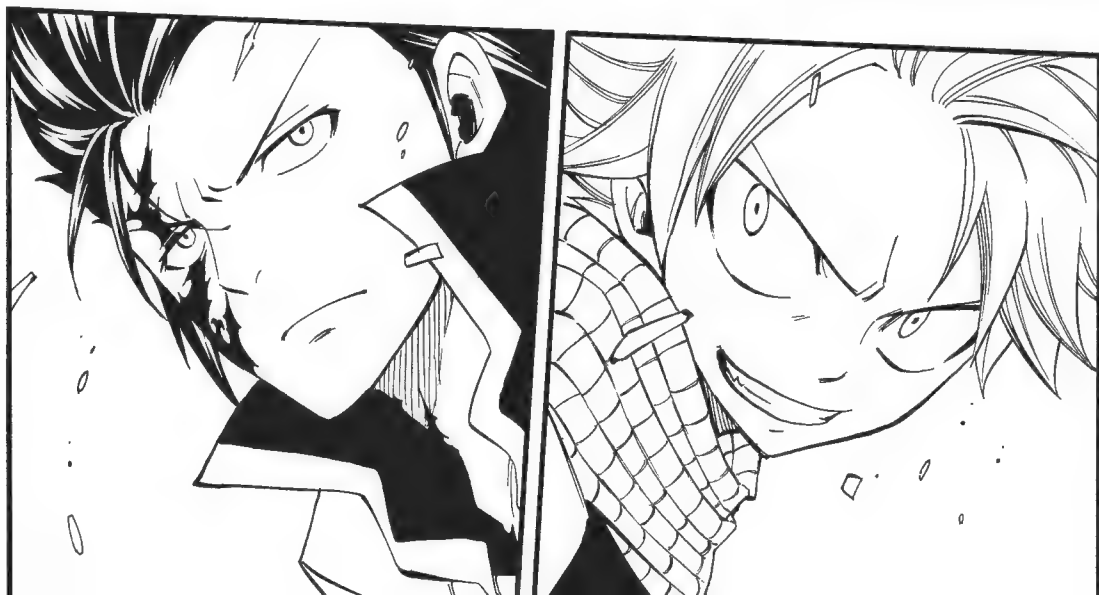
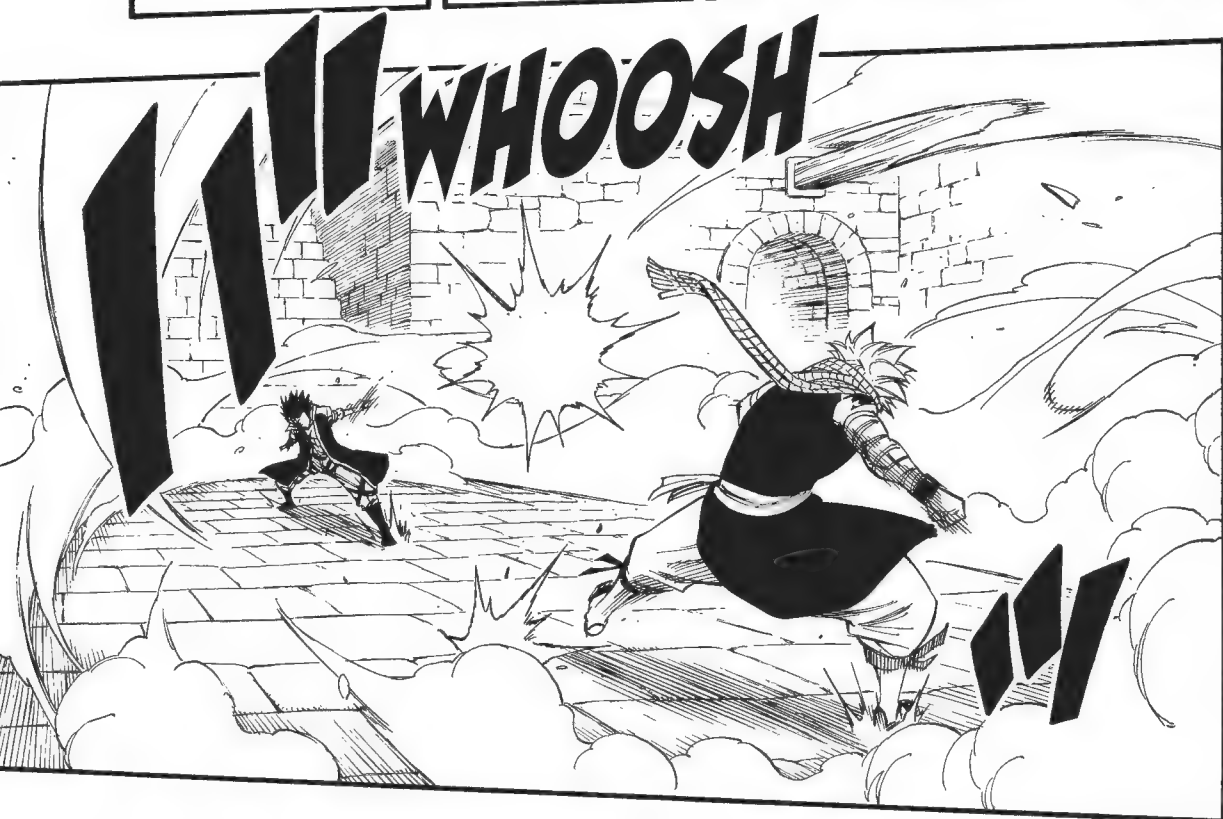
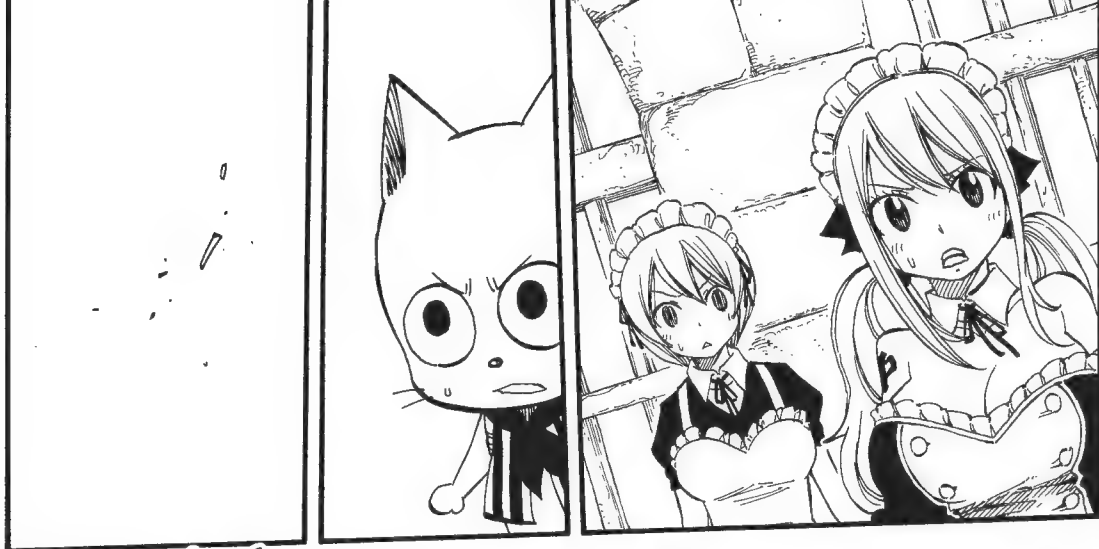








DWOOOM





What did
you come
here for,
anyway?



Hey!
Will you two
stop this?!

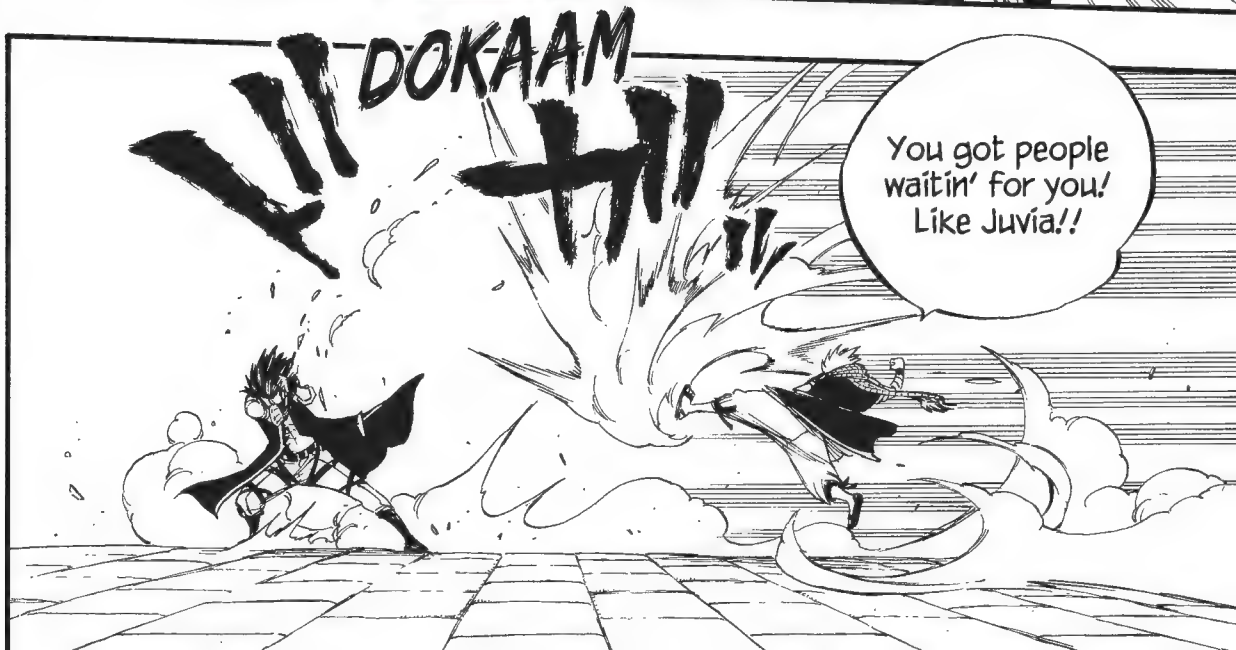


That's my
business.
Not yours!

FOOM



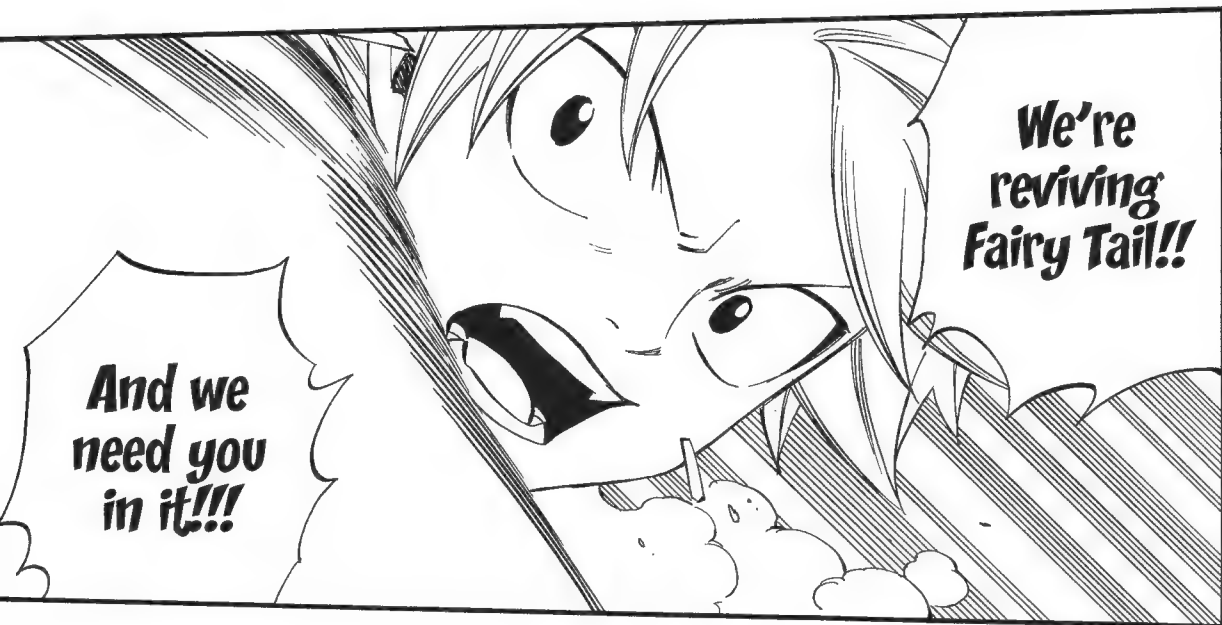
Well, what're
you doing in
a place like
this?!



You got people
waitin' for you!
Like Juvia!!



And
me!!



PACHIIIIK



Fairy Tail
doesn't exist
anymore!!

We still
got our
memories
...

...and all the
bonds we
made!!

The spirit
ain't gone!

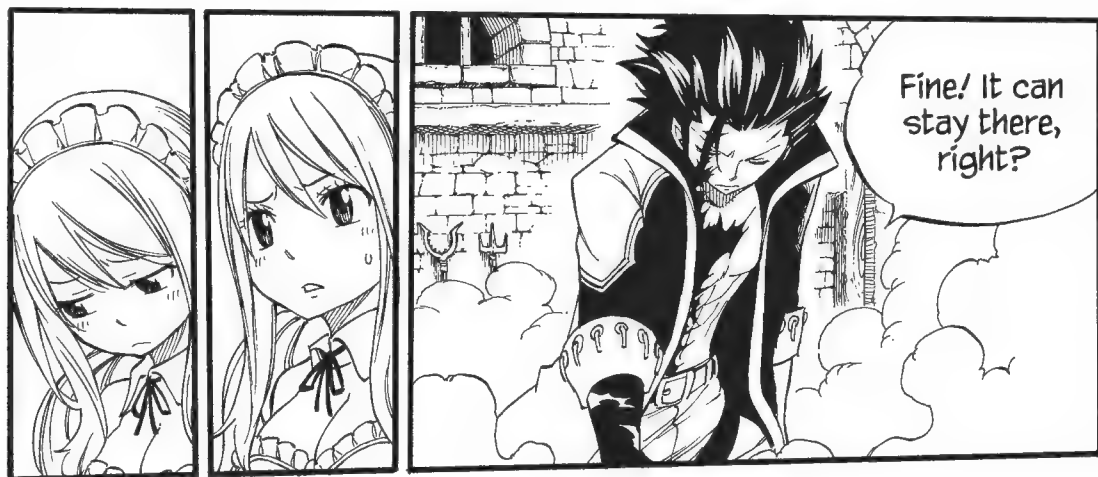
GWOOGGH





**Now and
forever!!!**

**Fairy Tail
will always
exist in
here!!**



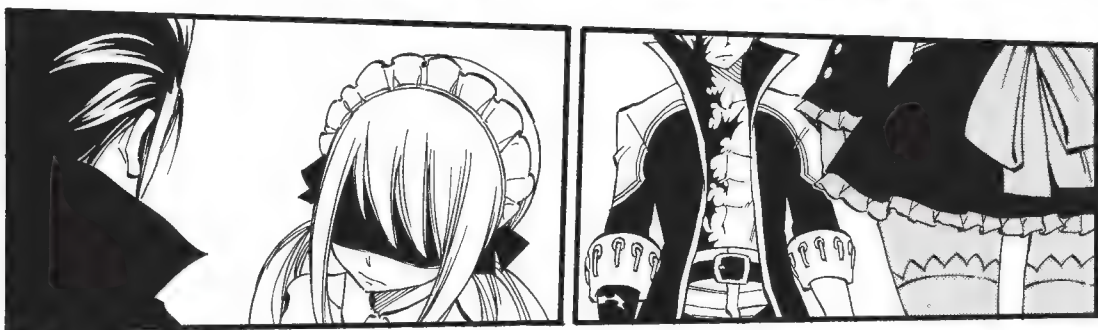
Fine! It can
stay there,
right?



Gray...

I'm going
down my
own path!

Since you still
have it in there,
you can just leave
me alone!





We *are*
friends!! We'll
always be
friends!!

Pretending
?!



I don't
want to
hear you
talk like
that!

We just
came to...



Why do
you have
to say
such awful
things?!

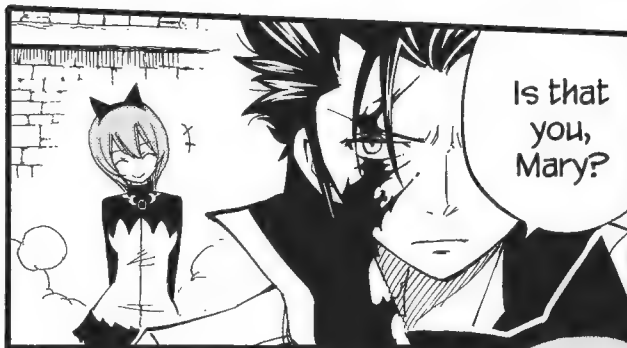


Urrgh...



TWINGE!!

Urg!

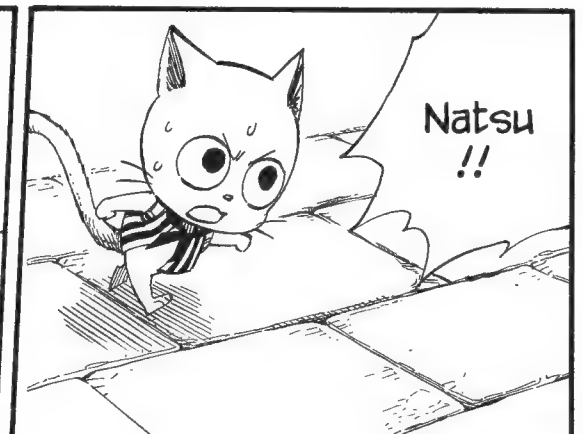




What did
you do to
Lucy?!!



Forehead: Green Tea

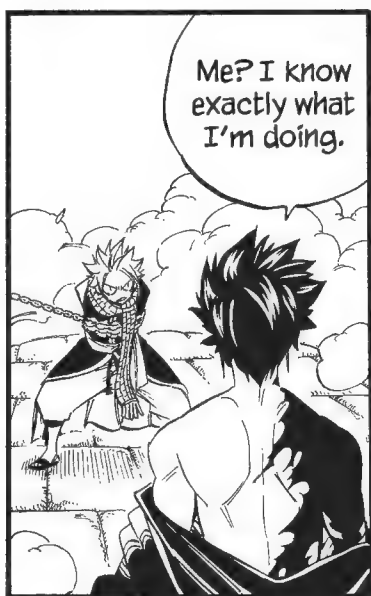
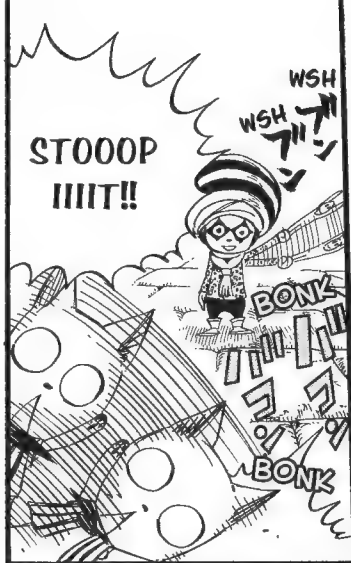




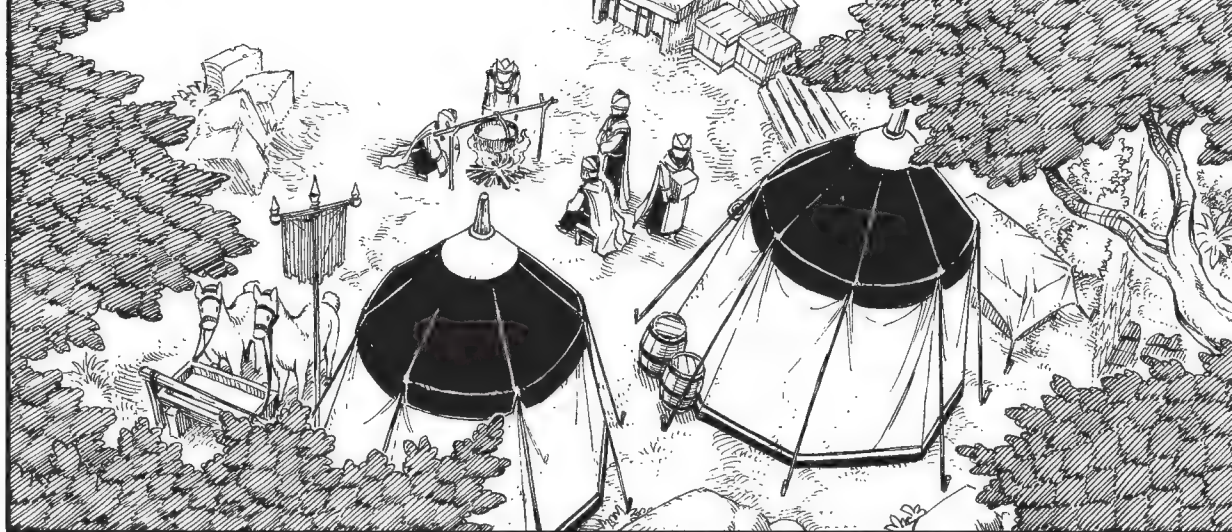


Back: Tea









And a
nose.



I have
ears
too.

Gajeel,
someone is
coming.



Thanks
for
waiting.



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COUNCIL
LEVY
MCGARDEN





How could
somebody
who's part of
that be one
of *us*?

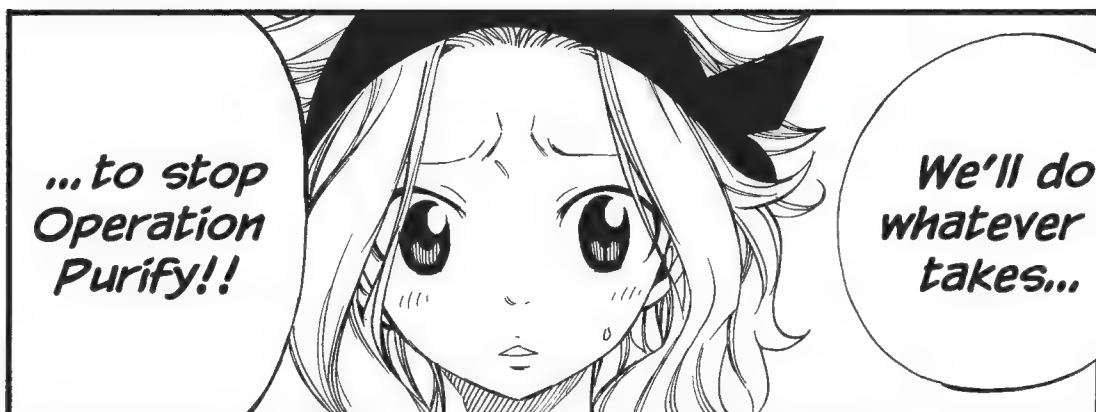
Operation
Purify is gonna
kill a ton of
innocent people
if we don't do
something.



When
we take
different paths,
an old friend
becomes just
another enemy.

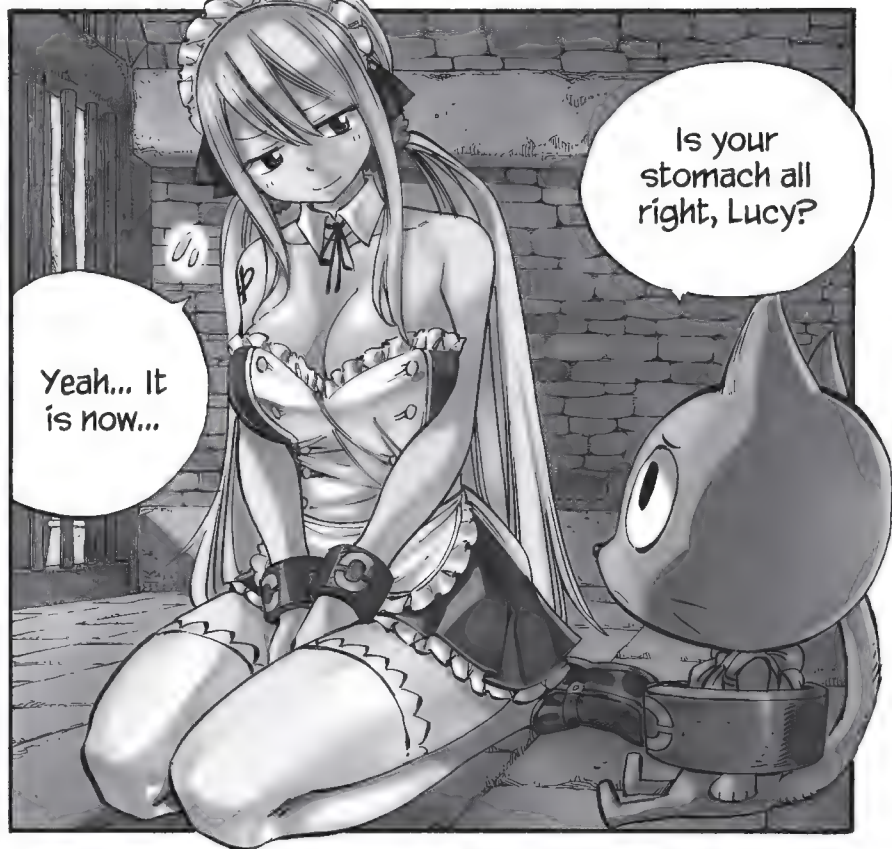


Can you
fight him?
An old
friend?



*...to stop
Operation
Purify!!*

*We'll do
whatever it
takes...*









Forehead: Green Tea





Gray-dono
is no longer
present.

KACHANG
THE
KACHANG

Bring him
here right
now!!

Where is
Gray?!



I have remained
to extract
information from
you. Specifically,
who sent
you here.

My
fellow Avatar
members have
all left to carry
out Operation
Purify.



Robe: Tea

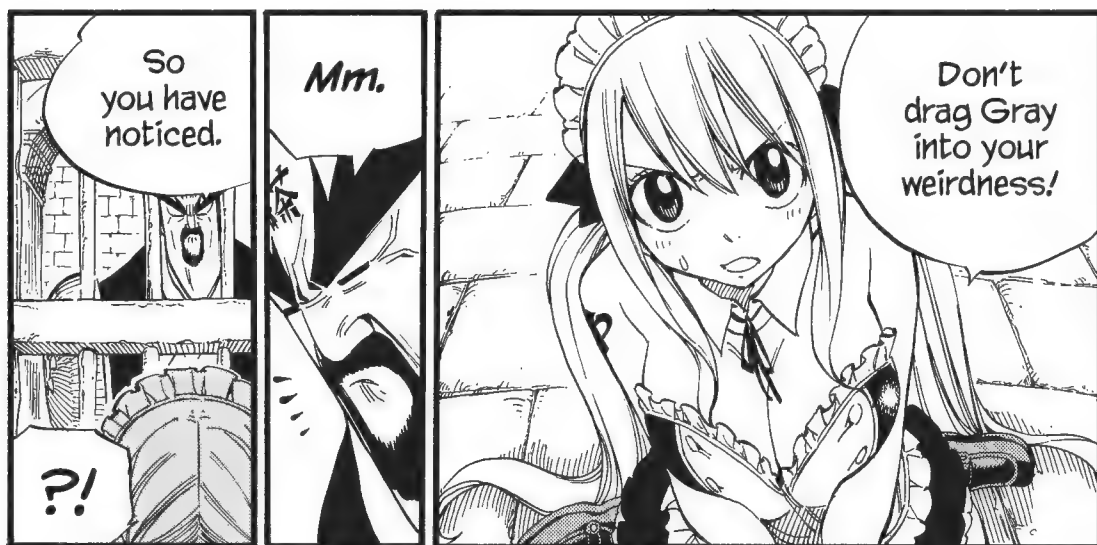
If enough
die, it will
draw Zeref
to us.

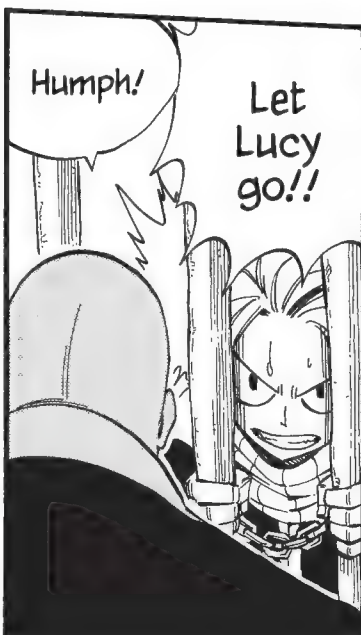
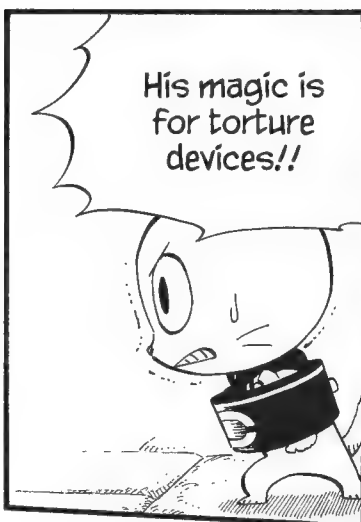
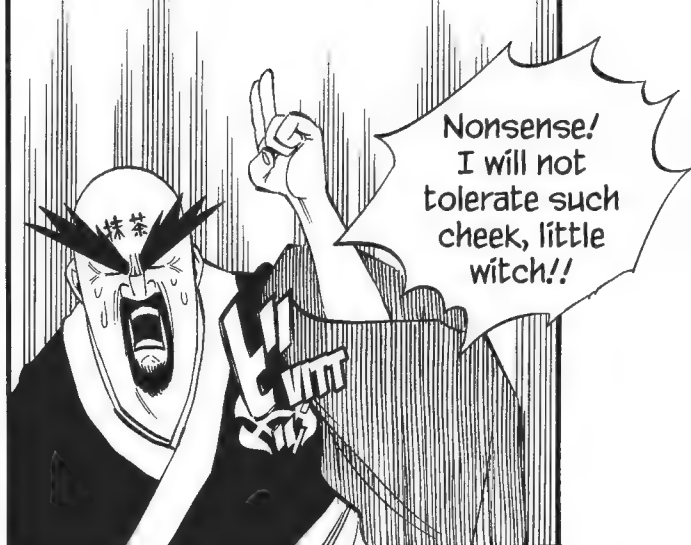
The
purification
of souls.

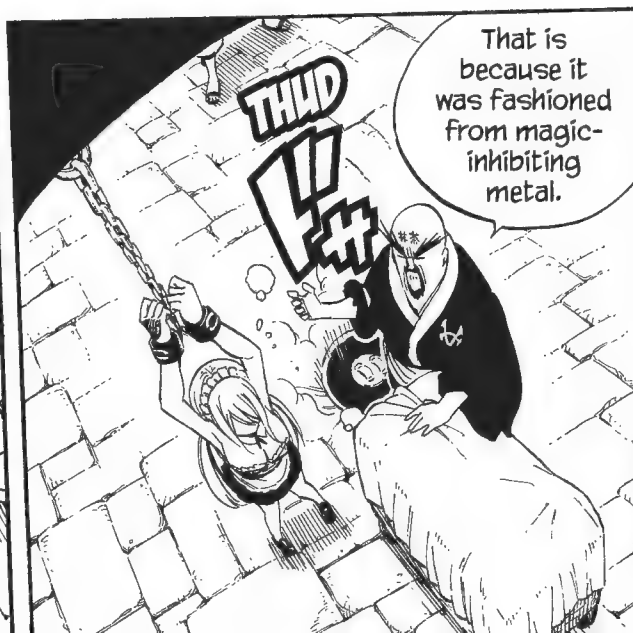
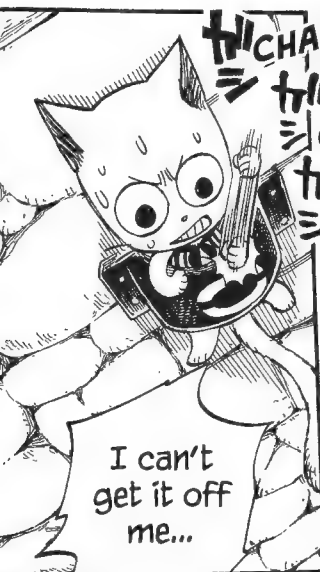
So they
may die
unsullied.



Operation
Purify?











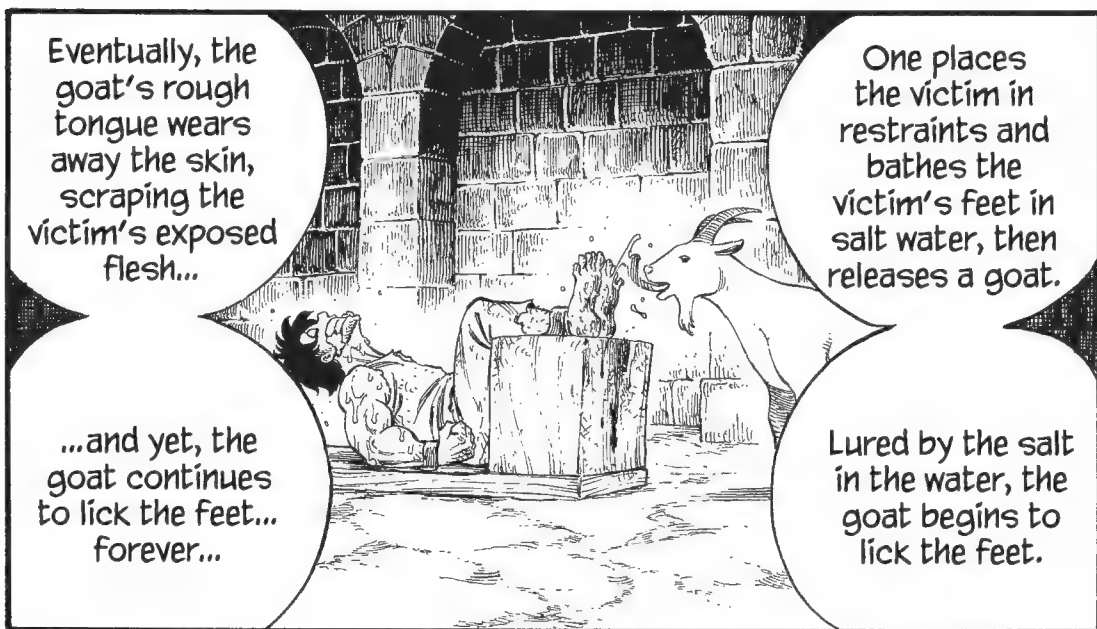
Ah, it appears you have misunderstood the nature of this torture.



No!!

It sounds so wrong!!

Go ahead and do the foot-sole-licking torture!! It sounds like it doesn't hurt that much!!



Eventually, the goat's rough tongue wears away the skin, scraping the victim's exposed flesh...

One places the victim in restraints and bathes the victim's feet in salt water, then releases a goat.

...and yet, the goat continues to lick the feet... forever...

Lured by the salt in the water, the goat begins to lick the feet.



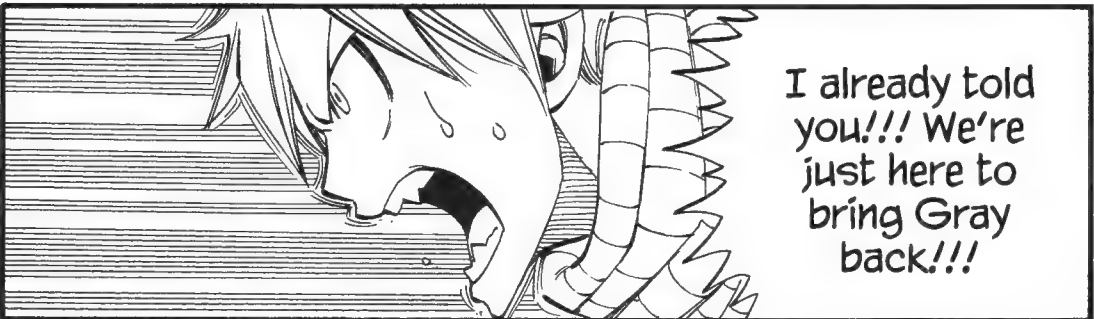
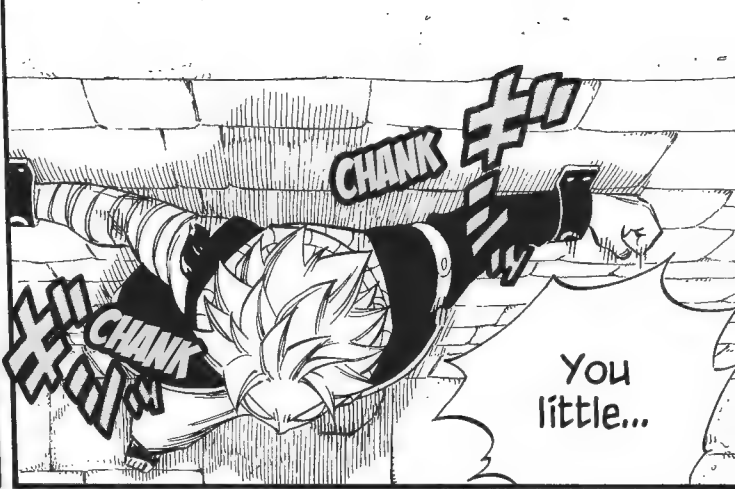
NOOOO !!!

Shall we try it?



That's much worse than it sounded.

SHIVER SHIVER...





He's
one of
us!!

KLENCH



X-1 BAHH

Mmmn!

Mmmn!



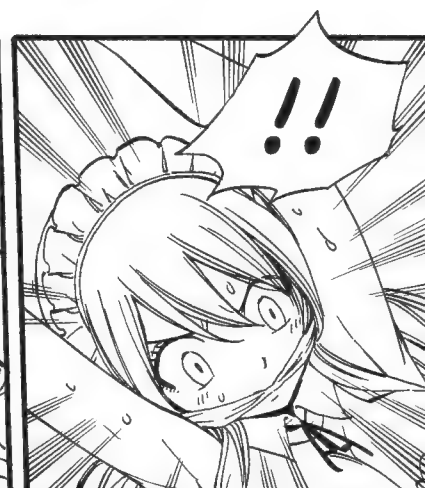
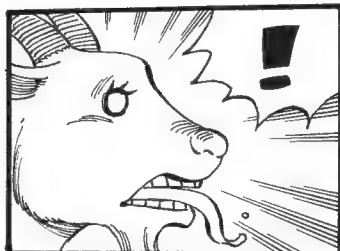
And
how many
times must
I repeat
myself?

Gray-
dono is
one of us
now!



If he's lost
faith in
himself
...

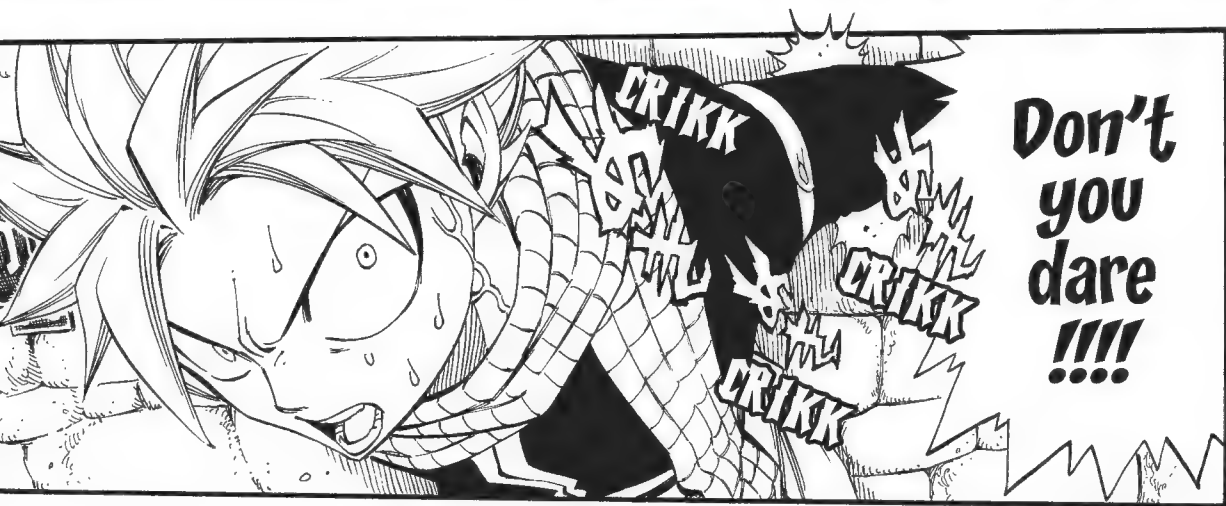
... we'll
believe
in him
instead
!!!





I have a
new torture
for you!!!
I will cut
you in
two!!!!

Forget the
foot-sole-
licking
torture!!



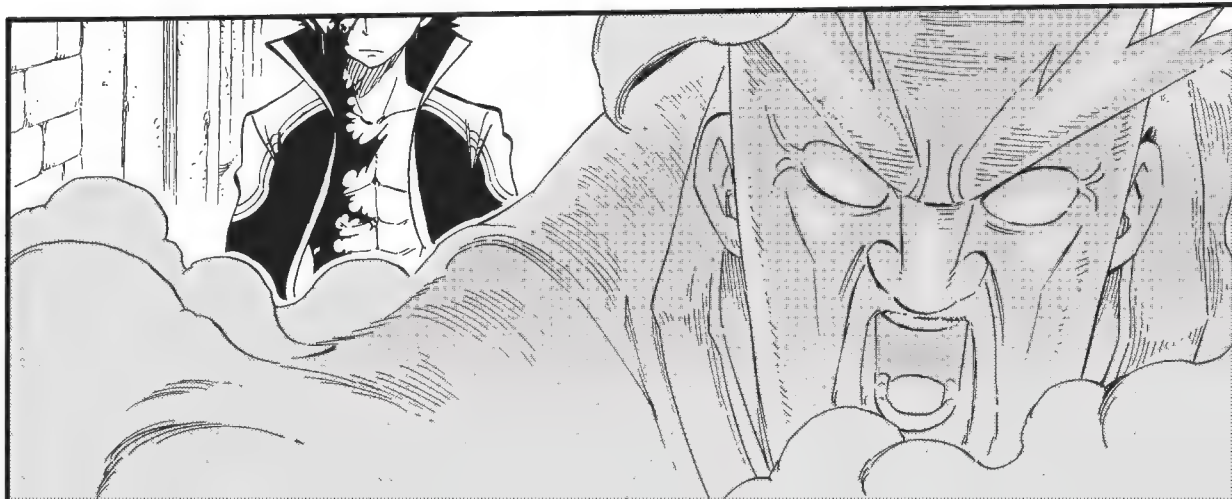
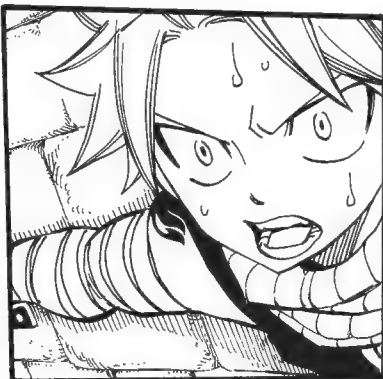
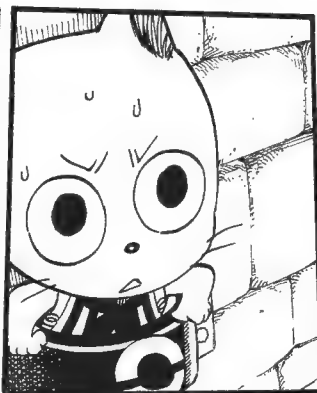
Don't
you
dare
!!!!



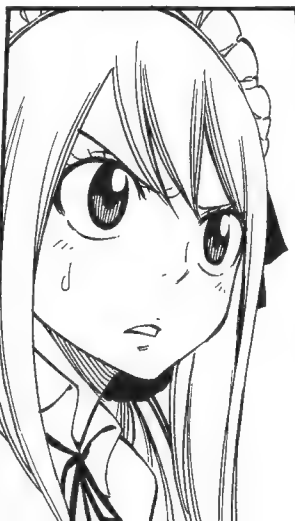
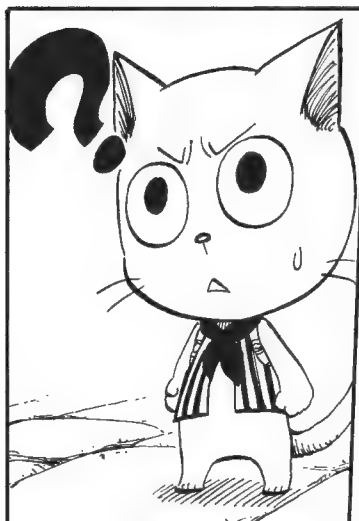
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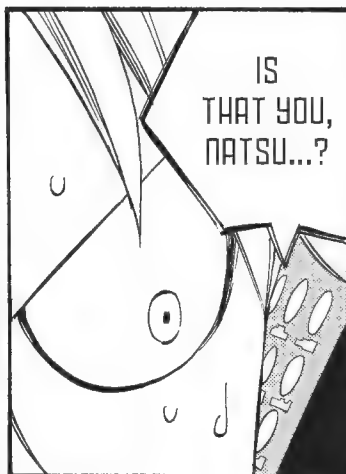
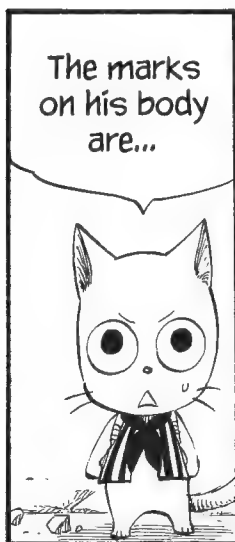


Do
you still
believe in
Gray-dono
now?!!











Oh, for
pity's
sake!

PEEP

You
certainly
spoiled
Gray's
infiltration
plan, didn't
you?

TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

Let's celebrate!! We've gone 50 volumes!! Clap clap!! The day I said that I would probably end it after 10 volumes seems like forever ago! Fifty volumes!! Well, first, I like to express my thanks to all of you readers. Thank you so much for your unwavering support! The only reason I was able to go 50 volumes is definitely the support of you readers! Thank you so much for reading this manga!!

Next, thank you to the editor!! He came right on board with my never-take-a-holiday style, and he battled right along with me, never taking a break, all this time! When I got stuck trying to come up with the rough story, he'd come in with all kinds of advice. When I'd get a little down, he'd inspire me! I really appreciate him every day.

And a big thank you to everyone in the editorial department who supported me!

Also there's my staff, who work under terrible workloads without a word of complaint! They're great friends! They don't just fill in backgrounds, they love Fairy Tail too, and help me out with all kinds of story ideas! You people don't know how grateful I am!

Then there are my family, friends, people connected with the anime, games, and merchandise!! Tons of gratitude their way!! Well, everybody! Thank you!!

According to what I've heard, this 50th volume brings my page count to a total of 9,487 pages. Which means that in three more volumes, I'll have passed 10,000 pages!! Well, I'm going to keep giving it everything I got. So please, everybody, keep cheering me on!!

FROM HIRO NASHIMA



What with one thing and another, I was at 50 volumes before I really knew it. And it's all thanks to you!

I'm as surprised as anyone that it went on this long!

And from now on, too...
If you'd patiently watch over me, it'd make me happier than anything else I can imagine!



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HIRO 真島ヒロ MASHIMA

Thanks for all your support!

MASHIMA

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 18, Orochi's Fin

Yamata no Orochi is the eight-headed, eight-tailed serpent of Japanese legends. The *Nihon Shoki* (*Chronicles of Ancient Japan*) uses *kanji* for it that translate out to the "Giant Snake of Yamata." It was a maiden-devouring serpent from ancient legends that was slain by the expelled god Susanoo. There are quite a few snake references here, including not only the Viper Inn, but also Lamia Scale itself. Lamia is a woman out of Greek legend who was transformed by a jealous Hera into a half-woman, half-snake monstrosity who devours children.



Page 121, Gômon

The *kanji* for Gômon's name mean "excellent" and "gate," but when different *kanji* are used, gômon means "torture." This will become important in a few pages.

Page 129,

Mikage Forest

Although no kanji is given for Mikage, the term is used for a Buddhist deity, but it also a term for a god of death.



Page 145,

Iron maiden

Perhaps most people know the phrase as the name of the British metal band, but they got the name from a torture device. Though it might have been a real torture device, experts now believe it was more likely a hoax created in the late 1700s. Apparently, sources describing it only date back to 1793. The Japanese letters on the iron maiden in the manga are "tetsu no okame." *Tetsu* means "iron," and an *okame* is a traditional Japanese mask depicting a round-faced young woman. So it would translate out to, "iron maiden mask."

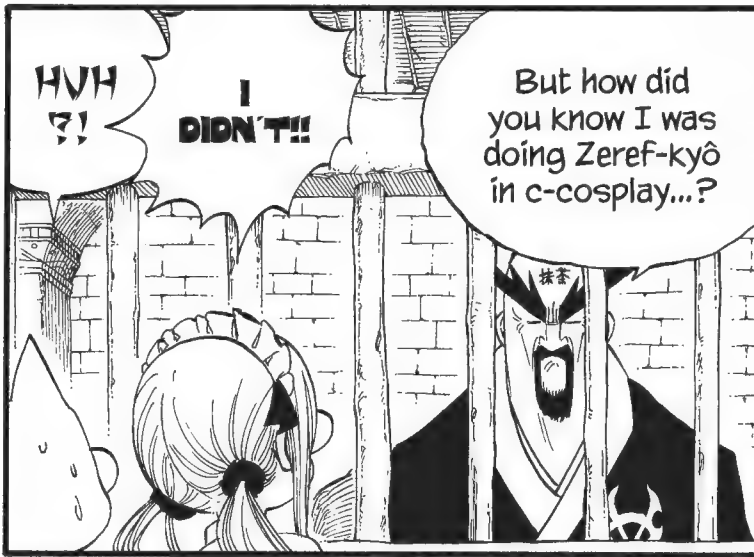


Page 165,
-dono

As described in the notes way back in Volume 16, “-dono” is an archaic honorific that is much like “-sama,” which is used for Japanese lords.

Page 177,
Zeref-kyô

Like -dono, -kyô is also an archaic honorific that is not used today, but is still well known to the Japanese. -kyô is also a respectful honorific, but it shows an even higher level of respect than -dono.



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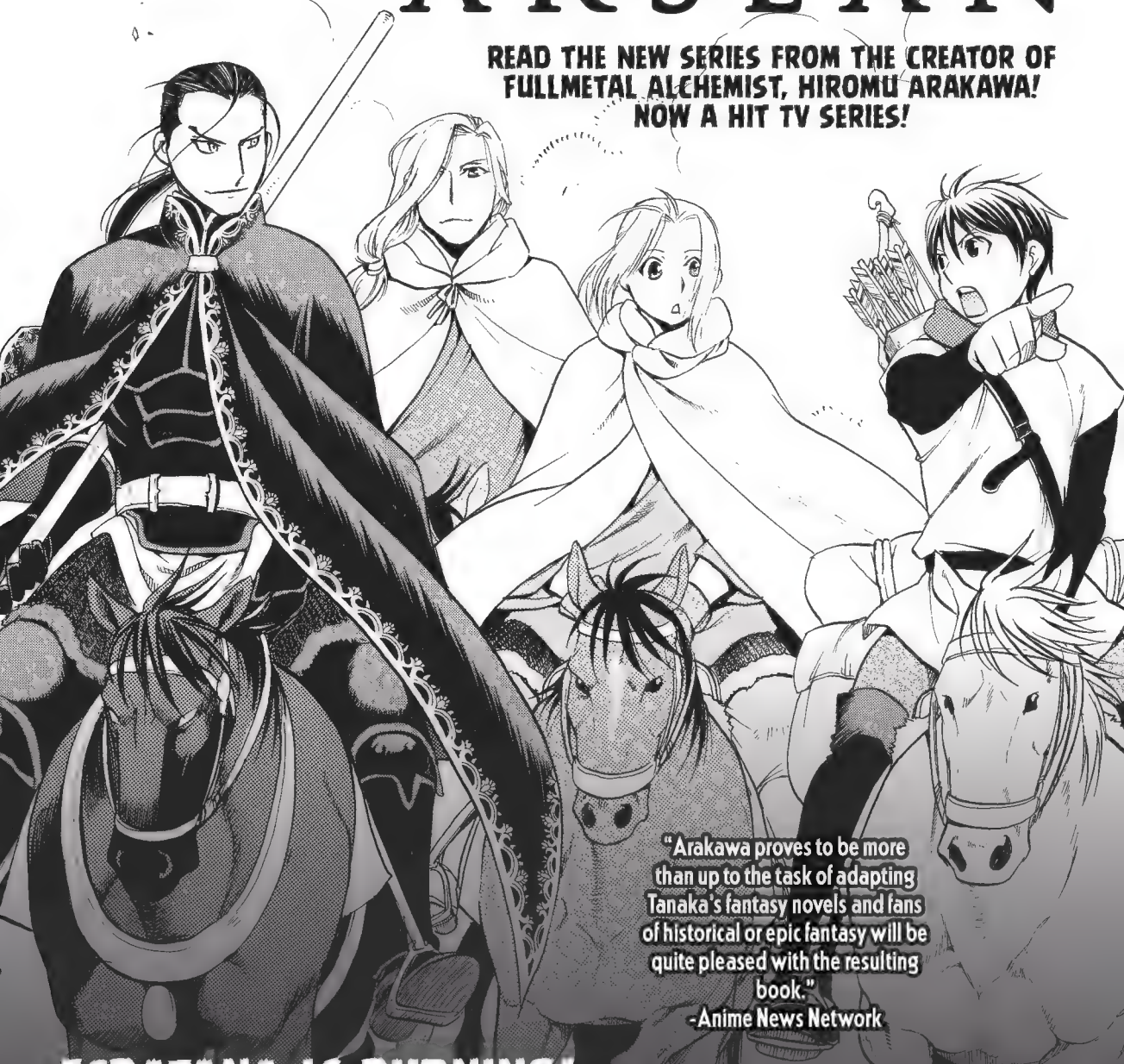
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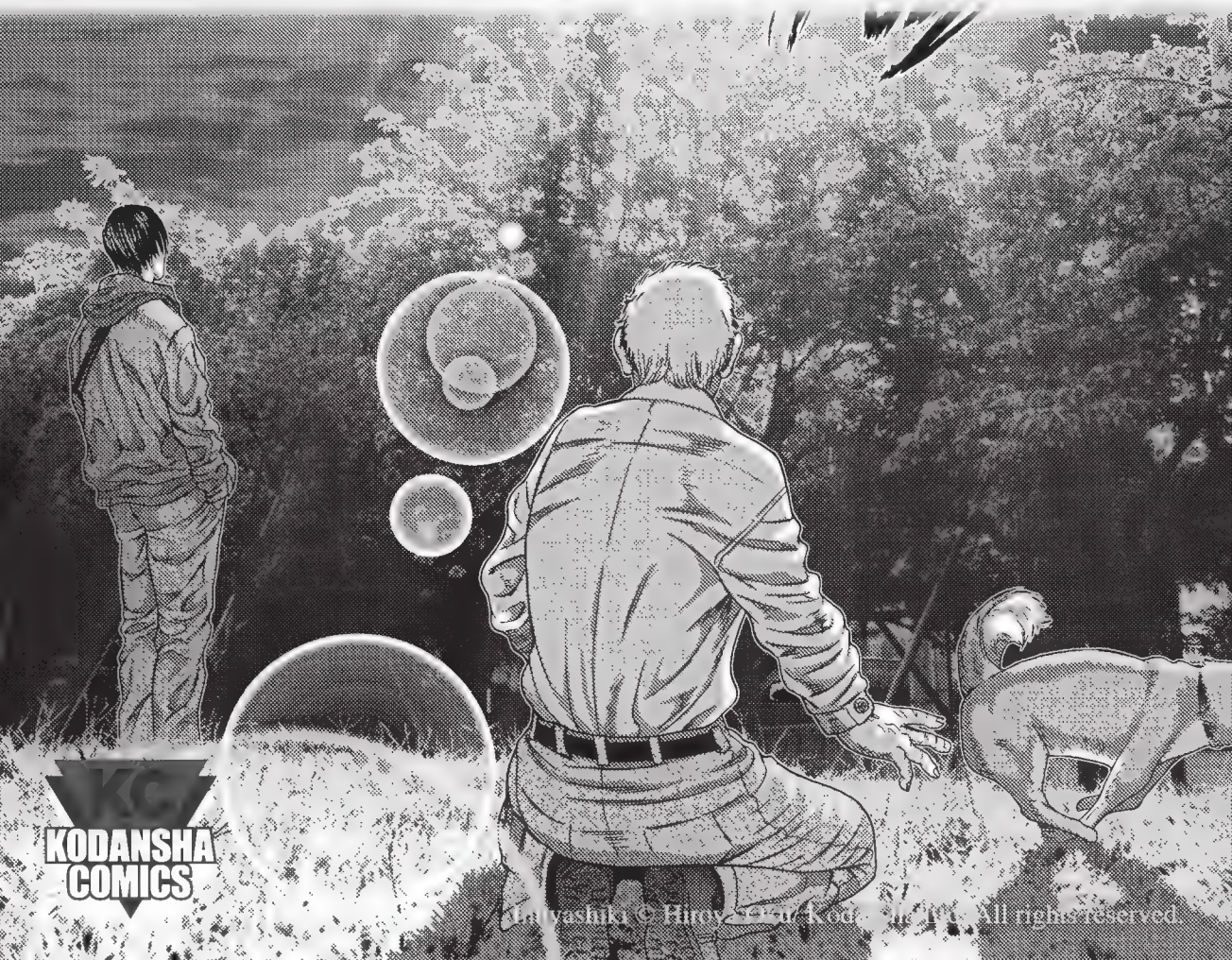
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